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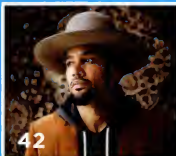
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>>> TOUR BIZ DIPS SLIGHTLY

The North American concert business is not off to last year's record-setting pace, but business remains strong, according to numbers reported to Billboard Boxscore from January through June. Attendance was 20.4 million, generating box office of \$1,054,932,091 from 6,886 shows. That's down 4.5% from last year's January-June gross, but represents only a 1% attendance dip.

>>> RIAA ORDERED TO PAY

A U.S. District Court Judge ordered the RIAA to pay the legal fees of one of the targets of its anti-file sharing campaign. The trade organization must pay Deborah Foster \$68,000, following the dismissal of the case against her last July. The ruling, made July 16, came two days before the RIAA sent its sixth wave of settlement letters, mailing out 408 letters to 23 universities.

>>> YAHOO BLASTS ROYALTY RATES

Yahoo has attacked the payment structure for U.K. digital sales endorsed by the Copyright Tribunal. The deal gives rights owners 8% of gross revenue from on-demand music services, 6.5% for interactive webcasting and 5.75% for noninteractive use of music in webcasting. Yahoo says the rates would limit growth of existing services.

UPFRONT



High School Musical 2 stars from left, CORBIN BLEAU as Troy Bolton, MONIQUE COLEMAN as Taylor McKessie, VANESSA HUDGENS as Gabriella Montez, ASHLEY TISDALE as Lacey Platter, and CORBIN BLEAU as Troy Bolton. (Photo by [unreadable])

POP BY BRIAN GARRITY

BACK TO SCHOOL

'High School Musical 2' Aims To Follow Up Last Year's Biggest Blockbuster

It may not be readily apparent to anyone over, say, age 12, but Aug. 17 looms large on the calendar in the tween entertainment world. That night the Disney Channel will premiere "High School Musical 2," the made-for-TV-movie sequel to the 2006 small-screen sensation that has reached more than 160 million viewers in more than 100 countries in the last 18 months.

Perhaps no one is rooting harder for a repeat perform-

ance from the returning franchise than executives in the music business.

The soundtrack to the original "HSM" from Walt Disney Records was the top-selling album of last year landing nine tracks on The Billboard Hot 100 minus a mainstream hit single at radio or MTV. It now claims more than 3.9 million units sold, according to Nielsen SoundScan, since its release in January 2006. And the "HSM 2" soundtrack, which hits

stores Aug. 14, appears to be as close as it gets to a sure thing for the sales-starved recording industry in 2007.

Between branding initiatives and spinoffs, the "HSM" franchise is expected to account for \$100 million in operating revenue in Disney's current fiscal year ending in September.

In addition to the soundtrack, the original movie spawned 2006's top-selling TV movie on DVD, a best-selling

series of junior novels, a themed show at Disney's Islands Parks and Resorts, a sold-out 42-date arena concert tour in North America, a five-country concert trek in Latin America, a stage adaptation touring the world and solo recording careers for three of the cast's stars—Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Tisdale and Corbin Bleu—who collectively have sold close to 800,000 albums in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Disney Records GM Jim Weathermon hopes that all this momentum points to another blockbuster in the making with "HSM 2."

"This is one of those situations where if it's not broke, don't fix it," he says. "And certainly think that's where we are with this record."

Disney is riding a hot hand with soundtracks stemming from highly rated movies and TV shows.

Volume 2 of the "Hannah Montana" soundtrack debuted at No. 1 on The Billboard 200 at the beginning of July, and has sold 642,000 copies so far. The first volume has sold more than 2.7 million units since its release last fall. Those two albums along with soundtracks to the original "HSM," "Cheetah Girls 2" and "Jump In!" have racked up sales of more than 8 million albums in the United States since January 2006, according to Nielsen SoundScan, and more than 13 million worldwide.

Credit that to Disney's knack for synergistically promoting its TV shows, movies and related soundtracks to young consumers and their parents watching Disney-produced films and programs, listening to Disney-controlled radio and surfing Disney-operated Web sites.

The made-for-TV-movies in particular have seen ever-growing debut numbers thanks to the strategy. "HSM" claimed 7.7 million viewers for its premiere in January 2006 (at the time the highest ratings for the premiere of a Disney Channel movie); "Cheetah Girls 2" drew 1.6 million viewers for its bow in August 2006; and "Jump In!" snared 8.1 million viewers in January 2007.

With "HSM 2," the Disney promotion machine promises

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>>> UMG'S SANCTUARY OFFER EXTENDED
Universal Music Group has extended until July 26 its cash offer to buy Sanctuary Group. UMG subsidiary Centenary Music confirmed its intention to acquire Sanctuary at 20 cents (40 cents) per share in cash, valuing the company at about \$44.5 million (\$87.7 million). The deadline for the offer had been July 12. Both parties said that offer had received about 68.6 million acceptances, for about 30.1% of Sanctuary's total shares.

>>> ZUNE HITS THE ROAD
Microsoft has teamed with Live Nation to establish an interactive display area for its Zune portable music device in 28 concert venues across the country. The Zune Spots, as they are called, will allow concertgoers to demo and buy the device on-site. Additionally, Zune Zones will be created in certain Live Nation venues, where fans with downloadable vouchers can watch the show in an area set aside with lawn chairs and a private waitstaff.

>>> JOOST, ROCKWORLD.TV PARTNER
U.K.-based dedicated music-TV channel Rockworld.tv will be distributed internationally through digital entertainment platform Joost. Previously, Rockworld.tv and its programs of prerecorded live concerts, interviews, news and reviews were available exclusively through Sky, the U.K.-only satellite-delivered TV platform. Janus Friis and Niklas Zennstrom, co-founders of Skype and Kazaa, launched Joost in May.

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to be in overdrive.

"Our greatest marketing arm is our audience and our word-of-mouth," says Gary Marsh, president of entertainment for Disney Channel worldwide. "And once they see the music videos [from "HSM 2"] premiering on Disney channel, that really lights the fuse."

Disney executives say, though, that the setup for what is now an established franchise will be different from the methods used in building an audience for the original. The big difference this time: less music and fewer film clips made available to Disney devotees ahead of release week.

Last time out, Disney ran free music download promotions through Disney.com, showed extended videoclips of the songs on the Disney Channel in between shows and spun multiple tracks from the soundtrack and yogurt company Dannon are among the branding and retail partners pushing goods and promotions associated with "HSM 2." If that's not enough, still to come

July 17, Disney will preview two more tracks closer to the premiere, but the bulk of the hype is driven by a series of five-minute making-of clips called "The Road to High School Musical 2" running on the Disney Channel.

Aiding the build-up will be a bonanza of marketing tie-ins with the sequel.

"You'll be able to go into every level of retail and find some kind of licensee or sponsorship or branding with the 'High School Musical' property," Watersons says.

Wal-Mart, DirectTV, electronic toy maker Zizzle and yogurt company Dannon are among the branding and retail partners pushing goods and promotions associated with "HSM 2." If that's not enough, still to come



is a touring ice show premiering in late 2007. And Walt Disney Studios is prepping a big-screen movie based on "HSM" for 2008.

A bigger concern than awareness for the sequel is producing a film and score that can spawn a reaction from tweens, teens and adults similar to the one that the first movie did. Part of that challenge, Disney executives say, is coming up with a new batch of songs that have the playful and anthemic quality of the

original soundtrack.

"A lot of what the first movie soundtrack so great was the strong, uplifting power ballads, and we certainly have those this time around," Disney Channel senior VP of programming Michael Healy says.

Also essential was retaining the services of all the key players from the first movie. That includes director Kenny Ortega; writer Peter Barsocchini; songwriters James Houston, Matthew Gerrard, Robbie Nevil, Andy Dodd, Adam Watts, Randy Peterson, Kevin Quinn, David Lawrence and Faye Greening; and cast members Zach Efron, Hudgens, Tisdale and Bleu.

Disney spent much of the early months of 2006 hammering out new deals with Ortega and the cast after the movie had already become a breakout hit. Marsh declined to speak directly to rumors of tougher-than-average negotiations for a Disney Channel project but says with a chuckle: "Do I wish I had sequel deals in place at this point? Yes." <-->

CD+U+Views

Retailers Welcome Hollywood's New Physical Format—With Reservations

Music retailers are applauding Hollywood Records' introduction of its enhanced-CD format (Billboard.biz, July 17), dubbed CD+U+. But they're also voicing some concerns.

"All these things to boost the CD sales are good," Virgin Entertainment Group CEO Simon Wright says. "But I am concerned about consumers' expectation for consistency. Inconsistent packaging could also confuse the customer."

Likewise, a senior distribution executive at a competing major compliments the Walt Disney Co.-owned Hollywood for stepping out. "It's a great thing that people are exploring ways to enhance the CD experience; we all should experiment," he says. "But eventually there should be a de facto standard with an open-network interface that allows for online interactivity."

In May, Warner Music Group introduced its music video interactive format with Linkin Park's "Minutes to Midnight" on a DVD that contained music, video segments and links to additional online content. In addition, at least three other versions of a CD/DVD format, each with an internet component, are being championed by the major labels (Billboard, April 28).

The new CD+U+ format, which will come in eco-friendly packaging, debuts Aug. 7 with the release of the Jonas Brothers' self-titled album. In addition to music, the CD contains a 50-page digital booklet with 75 photos of the popular teen band. Embedded in photos on 10 of the pages are 25- to 50-second videoclips, one hidden, with the band talking about

songs and influences, and demonstrating guitar parts of certain tunes.

The \$18.98 list-priced disc also has links to Web sites jonasbrothers.com, where fans can find updated information about the band, and flickr.com, where CD buyers can create their own personal photos that look like they're posing with their favorite band members.

Hollywood Records introduced its new CD at a press conference July 18 attended by the media as well as 60 of the band's female teenage fans, who lightened the event's atmosphere by oooh-ing and aah-ing each new development.

In opening the press conference, Hollywood GM Abbey Konowitch made the case that the physical CD is not dead and that 500 million of them are expected to be sold this year in the United States. "Instead of fleeing the format, we are trying to enhance it," he said. But he also noted that labels are sometimes out of sync with consumers, creating a disconnect that the new CD aims to rectify.

"We know that the young lead on their fa-

vorite artists online in places like YouTube and MySpace," Konowitch said. "They like to have lots of pictures, they want to hear their bands talk, and they want to be able to communicate and use materials available online."

The Hollywood package attempts to address such behavior. After deciding which features the package would contain, the label's management found Zinio, a company specializing in the digital presentation of magazines, to create the product. The next step was picking an artist to inaugurate the disc.

"We needed a band willing to take a risk, because there are no liner notes and artwork, and it was going to be 100% eco-friendly," Konowitch said.

The material the Jonas Brothers disc contains is original and not repurposed for the package. Hollywood senior VP of marketing Ken Bunt pointed out during the press conference.

Hollywood, which holds an exclusive on the format with Zinio until the end of 2007, plans to issue three or four more albums in its CD+U+ format this year, Bunt said. Retailers have asked whether the

CD will also be available for catalog titles by such acts as Queen, a possibility Bunt said Hollywood is considering.

Another retail executive, though, expresses concern about the package's lack of artwork. "Taking liner notes out of the CD could be counterproductive," the exec says. Instead, he suggests retaining some liner notes as part of the physical package and making additional materials available on the disc.

The label welcomes feedback, Bunt said, and will try to adapt the package accordingly.

—Ed Christman and Taylor Golines



INDIES BY KATIE HASTY

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Fashion, Music And MySpace

Fall Tour Brings Together Grass Roots Bands

In what is being described as a "super-trifecta of fashion, music and people who love both," Tankfarm Clothing and Future Sounds have teamed up with MySpace Records in the companies' first venture into the touring business. The Tankfarm Future Sounds tour kicks off in October with more than a dozen dates in North American cities.

Beyond an as-yet-unannounced headline, organizers are planning a lineup of two or three other artists, including one from MySpace Records roster and at least one other band "that could benefit greatly from this level of exposure," according to Larry Little, co-founder of Los Angeles-based music compilation and events company Future Sounds.

"Like Future Sounds and Tankfarm, [MySpace Records] grabs hold of new fans through very grass-roots means," he says. "They're just another example of new label models using alternative means to get bands heard, and then fits perfectly into our message."

"We're not quite sure yet what capacity we're lending ourselves to the tour. Just know we wanted to be involved with whatever these guys were doing," MySpace Records director of marketing Danny Ornelas says. The organizers "obviously love music and are doing it to bring new music to people. They do what we do."

Details are still scant, but the trek will likely play venues with 1,000-1,500 capacities, depending on the talent booked for support. Little imagines the tour will draw the same kind of crowds that would take interest in Tankfarm and Future Sounds' free music compilations, 28 of which have been released during the last four years. "We're looking at the 18-25 demographic that loves music, actively attending shows and are internet-crazy and use their social networks to discover new talent," he says.

Venues and promoters will be arranged through the headline's touring agency for this inaugural run. Ticket prices are still to be determined.

"This will be arranged like a normal, headline tour for the artist. They keep 100% of the touring profits that they normally would—merch, door, everything. We're just attaching the Tankfarm Future Sounds brand to it," Little says.

However, Tankfarm will be heading up the merchandising efforts for the bands—that is, giving the bands merch free of cost—including giveaways at shows. "It will be high-quality t-shirts and cuts, with high-quality designs for this band and their crowd," Tankfarm co-founder John Anderson says. "We're more than happy to give it away. It'll come back to us somewhere else down the line. That's how we've made our name thus far."

Indeed, in its four-year existence, Tankfarm Clothing has spent zero dollars on advertising, relying on the word-of-mouth marketing of its admirers. In fact, that's how the Tankfarm and Future Sounds alliance came to be. Little came into contact with Tankfarm when Anderson and his brother Mike sent a free box of T-shirts to the Killers, a band whom Little used to co-manage. "When bands and artists are singing our name to the high heavens, who needs advertising? When one of the strongest social networking brands comes onboard, you know you're on to something," Anderson says.

Future Sounds also has a rich history of giving away product for free. The company presses and distributes 7,500 copies of their compilations (several thousand of which are distributed to music industry contacts like managers, producers and promoters) but is considering increasing that number for hand-



outs to concertgoers. The CDs are also given away free with purchase of Tankfarm clothing through retailers like Nordstrom's, Bloomington's and Saks, serving to promote the largely unsigned bands on the collection and to further the Tankfarm brand by associating a "sound" with the look.

"We sound how Tankfarm looks and Tankfarm looks how Future Sounds sounds," Little says. "We continue to look for these kind of partnerships where everyone serves to benefit everyone else."

"I don't know what to call Tankfarm and Future Sounds—we're more than a clothing company or music branding company or a label," Anderson adds. "All I can say is that what we're doing is working." ◆◆◆

Billboard's Indies column is on hiatus, but will return to the magazine shortly. In the meantime, indie coverage will continue in the magazine and online.

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STAR'S new album, due in physical stores in September, was made digitally available July 10.



INDIES BY MICHAEL D. AYERS

LET'S GET DIGITAL

Early Online Release Date Meeting Resistance

It is hardly unheard-of these days for an album to be available digitally well prior to its physical release. But those in the independent label world have been expressing divergent views on whether it's a good idea.

In 2005, Mercury Rev released "The Secret Migration" (V2) to iTunes three-and-a-half months before the planned street date, although a former label staffer recalls the move as one that served to discourage fans from buying the already available import version.

And this month, a new album by Canadian indie rock act Stars—set for physical release Sept. 25 by Arts & Crafts—was made available digitally July 10, after it leaked online.

However, reps from the band's label, Arts & Crafts, suggest "Bedroom" would have gone to digital retail well ahead of the physical street date regardless of the leak.

"It's something we've been talking about for a long time," says "Bedroom" lead Jeffrey Remedios says. "It's our belief that this won't have an impact at physical retail. It was an incredibly difficult decision to come to, but also the logical solution. It's difficult to run against the grain of physical retail. But we thought we had a duty to Stars fans in giving them a viable, legal way for them to get the music."

Stars is coming off its best-selling album with 2005's "Set Yourself On Fire," which

has shifted 74,000 copies in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan. Thus it's not surprising Arts & Crafts' decision to go all in digitally is rubbing some brick-and-mortar stores the wrong way.

"It's a giant mistake to release this record early through one retail channel," Coalition of Independent Music Stores president Don Van Cleave says. "They will find a big yawn at traditional retail on Sept. 25."

But based on its first-week digital sales, it appears Arts & Crafts' move was a smart one. The album sold 3,000 copies in its opening frame, according to Nielsen SoundScan, equaling the combined digital/physical first-week total for "Set Yourself On Fire."

Remedios says he was compelled to act after the label was stung by a pre-release leak of Broken Social Scene's self-titled 2005 effort, which was one of the most anticipated indie rock releases of the year. "The bit rate quality was poor, and it was only 12 of the 13 tracks," he recalls. "So, the first impression of the record was not the record."

Moving forward, Remedios says Arts & Crafts will adjust its plans on a case-by-case basis "to ensure that we're taking care of traditional retail and our fans. But we'll always put our fans first." ◆◆◆

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>>> HFA INKS DIGITAL DEALS
The Harry Fox Agency has entered licensing deals with mobile entertainment provider Bullroarer and music download service MySpaceStore. The deal with Bullroarer, which operates three consumer sites and business portal Ozone Wireless, covers ringtones and ringbacks. The MySpaceStore deal covers mechanical licenses for full-length, permanent digital downloads to MySpaceStore artists.

>>> IODA EXPANDS REACH
The Independent Online Distribution Alliance is expanding into the video and film market. IODA says it will add independent film content to such online video outlets as Netflix, RealNetworks and EZTake, as well as mobile content providers like Amp'd, Jamba/Jamster and MobileStreams. Initial clients include Heretic Films, Greenline Digital and Lifestyle Media.

>>> PERMUSIC GETS SOME SOUTHERN SOUL
Indie publisher permusic has acquired a 50% worldwide interest in the catalogs of Malaco Music, Muscle Shoals Sound Music and Atlantic International Records' publishing unit. The acquisitions add more than 9,000 titles of Southern soul music to the publisher's repertoire. The owners of the catalogs retained a 50% interest in them, but permusic will be administering the catalogs worldwide.

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A Wait For Rates

SoundExchange, Webcasters Still Negotiating

Despite the outcry that most webcasters would go out of business this month, the music plays on. The deadline for paying last year's royalties under new legally set rates has come and gone as SoundExchange, under pressure from members of Congress, continues negotiating with webcasters.

While the parties are trying to resolve perceived problems that the Copyright Royalty Board's rate-setting decision created in the marketplace, there's no guarantee that any settlement would—or could—be legally adopted to become an industry-wide resolution.

In March, the CRB set the 2006–2010 compulsory-license royalty rates that webcasters and simulcasters will be required to pay to perform recordings on noninteractive Web sites (Billboard, March 24). The new rates affect commercial (big and small) and noncommercial (college, religious, NPR) broadcasters that pay the royalties to SoundExchange for copyright owners (labels) and performers (featured artists and background performers).

Although parties contacted by Billboard say they all agreed "not to negotiate in the press," sources say the main hurdles center on the minimum payments due under the decision and the information that webcasters must report to SoundExchange for their use of music, and the method of reporting.

The CRB decision required a minimum payment of \$500 "per channel or per station" each year. The lodges didn't define "channel" or "station" or place a cap on minimum payment amounts per licensee (e.g., per webcasting company). They did write, however, that the minimum was meant to cover SoundExchange's administrative expenses.

Without a cap on the per-channel minimum payment, some webcasters say that they could be on the hook for millions of dollars, and that they would immediately go out of business.

Without providing specifics, SoundExchange representatives say they have offered to extend the terms of the Small Webcaster Settlement Act, which expired in 2005. Under that law, the minimum payment for webcasters with annual revenue under \$1.25 million was capped between \$2,000 and \$5,000 per licensee. Large webcasters had similar caps under a negotiated deal.

As the July 15 deadline approached, NPR made a "substantial" payment of royalties, sources say, and is still negotiating other terms. David Oen-

ford, a partner with Davis Wright Tremaine in Washington, D.C., who represents the six small webcasters involved in the proceeding, would only say that the parties are gathering evidence to support their negotiating positions.

New reporting requirements are the biggest obstacle for college stations. "They run such a broad spectrum of sizes, resources and money, that it really makes finding a single solution daunting," says Seth Greenstein, a partner with Constantine Cannon in Washington, D.C., who represents Collegiate Broadcasters. "Nevertheless, everybody is working in good faith to find an appropriate solution. It's clearly the right thing to do."

SoundExchange's proposal that webcasters implement stronger, "reasonable" digital rights management technology to prevent listeners from



Pandora is among the commercial webcasters affected by new royalty rates.

copying streams to their hard drives has also become a point of contention.

Digital Media Assn. executive director Jon Potter said in a statement, "DIMA and our members are happy to cooperate on issues of common interest even if outside the scope of the CRB decision, but SoundExchange has demanded enforceable technology mandates that are unreasonable, unworkable and way off topic."

Pandora founder Tim Westergren says, "Stream-ripping is a hard thing to stop,

and you can never stop it 100%. They just wanted some comfort that Web radio was going to do everything that it reasonably can. Everybody is committed to it."

Even when the parties agree on new terms, it will have no industry-wide legal effect unless a court, the CRB or Congress changes the March CRB decision. Since the CRB is a new entity, procedures aren't in place to accomplish this promptly. Without a legal change, the negotiated terms would likely apply only to SoundExchange members.---

GAMES BY STEVE TRAMIN

GAME POINTS

Videogame Industry Looks To Expand Music's Role

Coming off record five-month sales of video console, portable and computer games, retailers and the industry are looking forward to a continuing expansion of top bands and developing artists contributing more original and licensed tracks to big second-half releases.

U.S. sales of game software for January-May hit \$5.9 billion units, up 13.5% from the prior year, with a retail value of \$2.74 billion—a 21% gain, according to Anita Frazier, toys and videogames analyst for NPD Group, which tracks sales at retail.

"We'll have another record-breaking revenue year, and by a pretty significant margin," Frazier says.

At this year's annual E3 Media & Business Summit, held July 11–13 in Santa Monica, Calif., Billboard obtained information about music tie-ins to these anticipated fourth-quarter releases:

■ **MTV Games/Harmonix's "Rock Band,"** with Electronic Arts distribution and marketing, will be the first game to let users earn the ability to download full albums from such acts as the Who via Xbox Live or PlayStation Network. "Each song is a playable game level and how well you input your own chords or beats lets you download all songs from that band

as one level, via either Xbox Live or PSN." MTV senior VP of audio, home video and games Paul DeGooyer says, "Gamers can buy them as individual tracks or together as an album, with 40 top band tracks included on the game disc. We're negotiating with Metallica and the other bands for their album titles or bonus tracks that will be available."



■ **Konami's "Dance Dance Revolution" DDR Universe 2** for Xbox 360, with a 70-track-plus soundtrack featuring music from the '70s to today, will let gamers download up to 200 bonus Konami and licensed tracks via Xbox Live. "It's the music that drives our content," says Jason Enos, Konami senior product manager for the

Dance Dance Revolution line. The PlayStation 2 "DDR American Idol" game will follow a similar model for next-generation PlayStation 3 in 2008, via the PSN.

■ **Sony Computer Entertainment America's "SingStar 3"** for PS3 will kick in the PSN's downloadable bonus track capabilities. "SingStar 3" makes our PSN a truly 'customized music' experience," SCEA senior manager of promotions and sponsorships Donna Armentrout says. "SingStar 3" preview game play is a big feature at our two co-sponsored music events this year: a return to Lollapalooza, Aug. 3–5 in Chicago, and our eighth with the Voodoo Music Experience, Oct. 27–29 in New Orleans."

■ **Nile Rodgers** will again produce the game soundtrack for Microsoft/Bungie's Xbox 360 exclusive "Halo 3," with a CD on his Sumthing Else Music Works label.

■ **PS3 and Xbox 360** special editions of **Rockstar Games' "Grand Theft Auto IV"** will be packaged with bonus soundtrack CDs. ■ Activision's "Guitar Hero 3" will make more than 100 songs available for Xbox 360.



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Health Report

AEC Is Doing Well, But There's A Bigger Picture

Aliance Entertainment Corp. has had a pretty good run lately. In May, it scooped up its third straight NARM large wholesaler of the year award. In June it picked up Circuit City as a new account, which Billboard estimates will increase AEC's top line by \$350 million.

Meanwhile, AEC inventory balance is shifting nicely as the Coral Springs, Fla.-based company reported that this year its CD/DVD revenue ratio runs 47%/\$3%.

If financials are looking decent too. According to figures broken out by its parent Source Interlink, in the most recent fiscal quarter ended April 30, the music and video wholesaler generated \$10.6 million in earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization on revenue of \$234 million. In the year ended Jan. 31, AEC reported \$54 million in EBITDA on \$971.5 million in revenue.

So all things considered, AEC appears healthy in a down music market, but what about its parent?

Source Interlink also runs a shared services division that eats up \$37.6 million in expenses. And when you add in another \$32.7 million in write-offs from the in-store services arm, you can see how the company bled red last year. And while Source Interlink had about \$150 million in total debt, it drew down only about \$85 million of a \$250 million revolving credit facility, so it has plenty of breathing room. Moreover, its balance sheet shows a healthy \$443 million in shareholder equity. So despite less than stellar performance, Source Interlink still looks to be on firm ground.

But the "wait-a-minute" realization occurs when you study Source Interlink's recent agreement to buy Primedia's Enthusiast Media division—which consists of 76 consumer magazines and 90 Web sites—for \$1.2 billion. The deal is expected to close at the end of this month.

That's a good move for the magazine side of the company.

But music and video vendors should take note of the deal and its implications. And to do that, some background is needed. AEC Partners, controlled by Yucaipa Cos. founder Ron Burkle, is the largest shareholder in Source Interlink with a 34% stake. Yucaipa bought AEC out of Chapter 11 in 1997 and like all investment firms is always alert to increasing value and/or cashing out opportunities.

First Yucaipa merged AEC with Digital-on-Demand because it thought it could make an Internet play, but that gambit failed and cost 33% of AEC to boot. Digital-on-Demand has since been demerged from AEC. Then Yucaipa management merged AEC with Source Interlink in 2005 because it wanted the liquidity that a publicly traded company would bring. But that didn't deter the deal, and so last year it

shopped the company to private equity firms, but apparently couldn't get either a suitor or the right price.

So that leaves Yucaipa entrenched in Source Interlink in a world where the mainstream media is constantly harping on the end of physical music and video product, which—along with the company's own performance—helps drive down share price. At the close of trading July 17, it stood at \$5.16, near the lower end of its 52-week range of \$4.94-\$11.48.

Meanwhile, even though AEC is performing admirably in a tough market, it is clear that with its latest move to acquire Primedia, the Source Interlink board is betting instead on its magazine business as its next gambit to increase shareholder value and deliver a possible exit strategy. What's more, it is leveraging the cash flow of the better-performing AEC division to help it get the financing it needs to make that acquisition.

To pay for the Primedia asset, it is taking on a whopping \$1.18 billion in bank debt. In a conference call with analysts, Source Interlink chairman **Michael Duckworth** projects that the combined companies will have \$2.4 billion in revenue and EBITDA of \$180 million in the first year, but upwards of \$200 million in EBITDA in subsequent years. He also projects annual debt service at \$110 million-\$115 million, which means the company will fall just short of the 2-1 debt-to-EBITDA coverage ratio that institutional investors prefer.

So even though AEC is doing well and Source Interlink may hit a home run with its Primedia acquisition, you can be sure that vendor credit executives will watch the highly leveraged company's financial results very carefully going forward. ...



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The band FRESHLY GROUND plays the Oppikoppi festival in 2005.

GLOBAL BY AMERIC PICHÉVIN

FRANCE FIGHTS FOR RADIO RIGHTS

Commercial Radio And Collecting Societies Haggle Over Rate Increase

PARIS—Battle lines are being drawn between French commercial radio stations and collecting societies, as a government commission prepares to significantly raise the rates paid for the performance right on sound recordings for the first time since their introduction.

"We are looking at a very substantial revaluation," says Jérôme Roger, director general of record labels collecting society SPDF. "Rates have remained almost unchanged since [their introduction in] 1987 while, in the same time, the same radio stations had

programs. According to SPRE, after this adjustment, the actual revenue collected represents just 2% of radio income. Nonetheless, collections have steadily grown through the years—in 2006, SPRE collected €16.8 million (\$27.3 million) from commercial radio, up from €10 million (\$13.8 million) in 1994.

Eric Troussier, marketing director of research institute TNS Media Intelligence France, confirms the commercial radio sector's recent growth. According to TNS, radio advertising revenue jumped from €996 million (\$1.4 billion) in 1993 to €2.3

No.1 radio station.

SPRE representatives, however, seem determined to force a vote on a new system as well as new rates during the next commission meeting, scheduled for September. During the last commission meeting on July 5, SPRE submitted a proposed scheme that significantly increased rates paid by the biggest radio stations, while decreasing payments due by smaller, "associative" stations.

"Most of the rise is [concentrated on] major music radio stations that feed their programs with our products," Roger says.



'Should we be more taxed because we are an efficient industry? The recording industry is trying to make us pay for its mistakes regarding digital music.'

—MARC PALLAIN, NRJ GROUP



very strong growth."

The remuneration equitable is collected from broadcasters by umbrella group SPRE and then distributed to artists and record labels through their respective collecting societies—Spedidam and Adami for the artists, SPDF and SSCP (whose membership includes the four major labels) for the record companies.

Rates are set by the commission, which combines representatives from the five main radio trade bodies with five delegates from SPRE, chaired by a government representative with the casting vote. In May 2006, France's Ministry of Culture set up a new commission to revise the rates.

The last revision, in 1993, saw only a light revision, setting the rate at 4.25% of radio stations' broadcast income, weighted against the percentage of music in their

billions (\$3.2 billion) in 2002 and €3.4 billion (\$4.7 billion) in 2006, decreasing competition from Internet and TV sectors.

Marc Paillet, chairman of the board of directors at French radio giant NRJ Group and president of national radio network body SRN, maintains that SPRE income has also grown proportionally through the years.

"Should we be more taxed because we are an efficient industry?" he asks. "The recording industry is trying to make us pay for its mistakes regarding digital [music]."

However, after 14 months of negotiations, most are resigned to paying more.

"Radio stations are ready to accept a limited rise, within the current system," says Rémy Seutter, president of radio trade body SRGP and chairman of the supervisory board of RTL, France's

"This is the fourth proposal that we make," Adami delegate general Jean-François Duterte says. "We have reached our limits."

The final decision is likely to have implications for future negotiations in other sectors, including TV broadcasts, publicly owned radio stations and nightclubs. But Pallain warns of a strong reaction from radio if SPRE's proposed scheme is adopted.

"If SPRE wants to force its way," he says, "we will all be in a crisis situation."

Meanwhile, Seutter raises the prospect of radio stations playing less music if the new rate is too punitive.

"This is something that might happen," he says, "although the first goal of radio stations is to be the best programs. We all have an interest in coming to an unanimous vote, as we did in 1993."

Really Big Shows

Sponsors Fuel South African Festival Expansion

JOHANNESBURG—South Africa's festival scene is booming, aided by an influx of corporate sponsors throwing their weight behind key events.

Carle Hoffmann is owner of Oppikoppi Productions (OP), whose 13-year-old Northampton-based, flagship festival brand, Oppikoppi, has grown from a tiny affair held in the bush to a biannual event attracting around 18,000 fans. Oppikoppi is backed by Levi's and Jose Cuervo, and Hoffmann says sponsorship has been crucial to the festival's expansion.

"Big acts require money, and South Africa has a few crucial factors counting against it becoming a normal stopover on the global live music circuit," he says. "The first is our currency, which is weaker than the pound and dollar. The second is the distance, and the third, the relatively small audience per square kilometer. It is almost impossible to pay international artist fees without a solid sponsorship behind you."

OP has now started its own sponsorship agency after the number of shows handled by its live music business—which also includes the 2-year-old Encounters festival series, sponsored by insurance giant Old Mutual—doubled in each of the last three years. The August edition of Oppikoppi features a "festival within a festival" in the form of Amplis, with international acts Groove Armada, Jimmy Eat World and Violent Femmes. Amplis—sponsored by national top 40 station 5fm—then travels for its own festival dates in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

Other festival organizers also report big business. John Langford, COO of Cape Town-based promoter Big Concerts, believes this is because "promoters and sponsors have seen a big gap in the market." Big Concerts established the rock-orientated My Coke Fest, sponsored by Coca-Cola, in 2006 in Johannesburg and Cape Town, attracting international acts including Evanescence and Staind.

The 10-year-old Johannesburg-based Joy of Jazz festival, sponsored by Standard Bank, experienced a 44% rise in attendance from

2005 to 2006, boosted by an increase of 80% in the number of acts performing, according to Mantwa Cheneadani, GM of promoter T-Musicman.

Standard Bank senior manager of arts sponsorships Mandie van der Spuy says Joy of Jazz is the flagship event in its multifaceted arts sponsorship initiative.

"It makes a visible contribution by putting something back into the communities in which we operate," she says.

Other burgeoning events include the Durban Jazz Festival—sponsored by cell phone network provider MTN—which has doubled its attendance in the past two years, according to promoter Lindelani Mkhize of Johannesburg-based LM Productions.

Mkhize says MTN's involvement has enabled the festival to grow, but fears that competition for sponsorship money will grow as the 2010 soccer World Cup, held in South Africa, approaches.

"Sport has always pulled in more sponsorship money," he says, "but we have made inroads and hope these aren't eroded."

Some festivals do exist without sponsorship, notably 8-year-old, Harrold-based Woodstock, which attracts 15,000 fans with a predominantly South African bill. But Nancy Hillary, co-owner of its Johannesburg-based promoter Authentic Ideas, says it too will soon clamor around the sponsorship bandwagon.

"We wanted to build the brand before getting sponsors onboard," she says. "But we feel we are ready for that now."

Industry sources maintain that a major international festival brand—rumored to be the United Kingdom's V Festival, which already stages editions in Australia, Canada and the United States—will arrive in South Africa in 2008. But local promoters remain bullish about the future.

Hoffmann says, "Our vision is to build a strong annual network of events which can be used to bring in more international acts, but, even more importantly, leverage South African acts onto the international festival circuit."

GLOBAL TV LARS

The Armchair Effect

Glastonbury Telecast Trumps Bad Weather, Poor Sound

LONDON—As U.K. music industry execs look back on the latest Glastonbury mud bath, many are wondering if the festival is now just as much of a TV event as a live one.

While those on-site complained of appalling weather and sound problems, armchair viewers helped send headlines' CD sales soaring, despite poor reviews from those who actually attended.

British music weekly NME reported that the sound for the Killers, who headlined Saturday night at the June 22-24 event, was so bad that fans were chanting "Turn it up!" throughout the set. Although the problem was later blamed on freak meteorological conditions, organizer Michael Eavis made a public apology.

Yet the band was the festival's biggest gainer in sales terms, with "Sam's Town" (Vertigo/Mercury) soaring 135% week on week, according to market-leading retailer HMV, climbing 27 places to No. 9 on the Official U.K. Charts Co.'s albums survey. Friday headlines Arctic Monkeys also suffered reported sound problems, yet experienced a 36% sales spike at HMV.

"In terms of an artist's career, what's more important—the 60,000 people in a field or the potential millions of people watching on TV? SuperVision Management's James Sandom asks. He handles Kaiser Chiefs, whose "Yours Truly, Angry Mob" (B-Unique) rocketed 102% at HMV on the

back of their revised Glastonbury set. "I watched the Killers' set at Glastonbury, and it wasn't very convincing in many ways," he adds. "But on TV—I've since seen some tracks and highlights—it looked fantastic."

Mercury Records U.K. marketing manager Naomi Beresford-Webb says, "From the TV coverage, you wouldn't have noticed there was any problem with the sound. TV was the impetus that gave us the mass audience—it was the biggest, broadest audience they've had."

Retailer report that, with the United Kingdom's "big four" festivals—Glastonbury, T in the Park, V Festival and Reading/Leeds—all now on TV—to varying degrees, the Glastonbury effect is part of a growing trend.

"TV is one of the key factors which can explain the significant increase in sales we've noticed after festivals in the last four or five years," HMV music product manager Melanie Armstrong says.

Alison Howe, producer of the BBC's Glastonbury and Reading TV coverage, says the BBC delivered a record 70 hours of footage across terrestrial channel BBC2 and digital channels BBC3 and BBC4. Live coverage of the Pyramid Stage headlines attracted an average audience of more than 1 million, while 5 million people accessed "red-button" interactive TV services during the weekend.

"On Sunday night we were on BBC2,

BBC3 and BBC4 [simultaneously], and we had four interactive streams running," she says. "We were only not on BBC1... so there's something to aim for next year. But Glastonbury's a festival first and foremost. The TV coverage is just another way of experiencing it."

Accordingly, some maintain the live performance remains the most important element of the festival experience.

"TV coverage is fantastic," says Zoot Music's Rob Whitaker, manager of Editors, whose sophomore album, "An End Has a Start" (Kitchenware), opened at No. 1 following their televised Glastonbury performance. "But with a band like Editors I don't think you book your slots for TV. We sit there and go, 'What is the best slot for the band, and for what reasons?' You'd rather have [TV] than not, but it doesn't dictate what we do."

And Glastonbury spokesman John Shearlaw remains confident no TV broadcast will ever quite compare to the real thing.

"The BBC do a fantastic job," he says. "But no film could ever do justice to [legendary Glastonbury appearances] Radiohead in 1997 or Pulp in 1995—those were career-defining, awesome moments, and watching on TV is just not the same as being there."

Additional reporting by Mark Sutherland in London.

>>>U.K.'S MERCURY PRIZE HEATS UP

Oddsman William Hill has picked Arctic Monkeys and Amy Winehouse as 4-1 early front-runners for the 2007 Nationwide Mercury Music Prize. The Monkeys, who won in 2006 with their debut, "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not" (Domino), will defend their title with sophomore effort "Favourite Worst Nightmare" (Domino). Winehouse, a previous nominee, is in the running with her album "Back to Black" (Island).

The other nominees, with Hill odds, are albums by Bat for Lashes (10-1), Fionn Regan (10-1), New Young Pony Club (12-1), Klaxons (8-1), the Young Knives (10-1), Maps (12-1), the View (8-1), Jamie T (8-1), Dizzee Rascal (8-1) and Basquiat Strings (12-1).

The winner will be announced Sept. 4 at a ceremony in London. —Lars Brandle

>>>U.K.'S COPYRIGHT TRIBUNAL ENDORSES ROYALTY SETTLEMENT

The U.K. Copyright Tribunal has endorsed the settlement agreement for online and mobile royalty rates reached between the MCPS-PRS Alliance and a string of online music companies.

According to the alliance, the tribunal decision confirms an agreement reached in September 2006, which meant that songwriters, composers and their publishers should receive 8% of gross revenue from online music service providers for on-demand services.

As part of that settlement, the alliance's membership would also stand to receive 6.5% of revenue for interactive webcasting services and 5.75% for noninteractive webcasting.

The BPI and a number of online music firms initially locked horns with the alliance over digital royalty rates, arguing that there was a discrepancy between the fees the alliance charged for physical, broadcast and online products. —Lars Brandle

>>>WARNER MUSIC FRANCE SPINS '360' MODEL

Warner Music France has launched a new division, '360', which will oversee licensing, merchandising, synchronization, live, sponsorship, brand partnerships, video content and digital activities. The goal is to combine these interests under one umbrella to expand and diversify the opportunities Warner Music France can create for its roster.

Emmanuel Mougin-Pivert has been appointed GM of Warner Music France '360'. He was previously executive director of RTL, FUN Développement, a French subsidiary of Luxembourg-based media conglomerate RTL Group, which developed such branded offshoot services as French radio stations RTL2, RTL3 and FUN Radio. Mougin-Pivert reports to Warner Music France COO Yann Miossec. —Alyric Pivert

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Latin Notas

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Spanish Imbalance

Are Latin Digital Sites Putting English-Speaking Consumers First?

The Internet has long been espoused as a way to level the playing field for music sales and promotion.

The possibilities posed by digital music sales and online promotion are particularly enticing for alternative genres, which, in the physical and open radio world, are stymied by lack of budgets and major-label support.

But the gap between possibilities and reality can be enormous, as highlighted during the "Digilandia" panel at the Latin Alternative Music Conference (LAMC), held July 11-13 in New York.

In an atmosphere with new media at work (exhibitors and sponsors included indie Latin site misroslas.com, Zune, batanga.com and MTV's Urge), it was clear to see its presence but harder to measure its impact.

As reported in Latin Notas

last week, sales of Latin digital albums for the first six months of 2007 stood at 231,000 units, compared with 122,000 units for the first six months of 2006. That represents growth that has almost doubled, but still, very modest sales.

This may explain why, during "Digilandia," digital stores and distributors were unable—or unwilling—to provide specific numbers for their Latin sales.

It was repeatedly pointed out that—unlike, say, the regional Mexican audience—the Latin alternative audience is already online, making it a prime target to consume music digitally.

But one need only look at most-sold lists to see that the top digital Latin sellers are still big crossover stars like Shakira, Enrique Iglesias and Daddy Yankee. (However, scrolling down the list, alternative



sounds appear with far more frequency than on Billboard's Top Latin Albums chart.)

That's because a mere sound snippet, an exclusive track or even a free download are not enough to consistently propel sales.

Erol Cichowski, Independent Online Distribution Alliance content manager for Latin and South America, advocates a 360-degree approach that entails presence and information dispersed throughout the Internet, from fan blogs to MySpace.

MVS's Urge store advocates that as well, and on its site, fans can find articles, reviews, interviews and links—from the store's editorial staff—a longside an artist's

album covers.

Urge and eMusic also periodically feature Latin acts on their home page, a placement that definitely boosts sales. This week, for example, Urge's home page contains an LAMC feature with links to related acts, tied to its sponsored showcase at the conference. Last year, Urge featured Argentine rocker Gustavo Cerati on its home page. Placement, coupled with Cerati's performances throughout New York, made him rise to the top 15 of Urge's overall digital album sales, an outstanding performance for a Latin alternative artist.

Surprisingly, none of the companies represented at the panel provided information in Spanish, although

they admitted the vast majority of their Latin music came from Spanish-speaking countries. (We should note that iTunes Latino is available in Spanish and English, but iTunes was not represented at the panel.)

The reasoning, supported by a recently published Pew Center study (Billboard, March 24), is that Spanish-only speakers use the Internet far less than their English-speaking or bilingual counterparts.

But the "only English for now" stance struck a major negative chord with many attendees and with the moderator (myself), who questioned the intrinsic business philosophy of not marketing Spanish-language music to Spanish speakers.

We understand the costs involved in having bilingual sites with bilingual applications. And we also understand that with Latin music's digital sales being what they are, those costs may not be justified.

Then again, shouldn't that 360-degree Internet approach naturally include Spanish marketing in its mix? ...



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ONWARD AND UPWARD

Camilo Kejner, the current managing director for EMI in Argentina and Chile, will now also oversee the company's operations in Colombia, Venezuela, Peru and Ecuador. Kejner's appointment was announced following the departure of EMI Music Colombia managing director Alvaro Rizo, who also oversaw Venezuela, Peru and Ecuador. Kejner joined EMI last year as managing director of its operations in Argentina. In April, he also took over operations of EMI Music Chile. Prior to EMI, Kejner spent time at Sony Music Argentina, and later, was director for the Latin region of Time Warner's New Line Cinema unit. Kejner is based in Buenos Aires and reports to EMI Music International chairman/CEO JF Cencillo.

TUNING IN

iTunes has rolled out its first Spanish-language iTunes gift cards. The Tarjeta iTunes will be sold in denominations of \$15, \$25 and \$50, and will be available at retailers including Target, Wal-Mart and CVS. The first retailer to carry the cards is Best Buy, which began stocking them July 16. All information on the cards is in Spanish, and each features photographs of Latin artists, such as Julieta Venegas, Paulina Rubio and Pitbull.

IN THROUGH THE DOOR

Reggaeton star Daddy Yankee will be the face of a new Pepsi Latin America campaign dubbed Puertas (Doors). The initiative, which covers Latin America, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, aims to convey the possibility of opportunities. It includes a series of TV spots featuring Daddy Yankee returning to the neighborhood where he grew up. The launch of Puertas coincides with the artist's Big Boss tour, which kicks off Aug. 31 outside Chicago. Daddy Yankee will play dates in more than a dozen countries during the tour.

—Leila Cobo

FATHER KNOWS BEST

Cuban Pianists Resolve Differences To Launch Tour, Album

MADRID—Contact between father and son had been rare and publically cool for nearly 50 years, and few thought they would ever see Bebo Valdés, 89 in October, and his son Chucho, 66, on tour together.

And yet, the Cuban jazz pianists

are not only playing 10 concerts in Spain, but on July 10 they finished recording their first collaborative album. The currently untitled release is set for an October launch on Madrid-based Calé 54 Records, with distribution by Sony BMG Spain.

The tour, which includes Chucho's vocalist sister and Bebo's daughter, Mayra Caridad, began July 6 in Tenerife and ends Aug. 5 in Huesca after passing through seven cities including Barcelona, Madrid and Zaragoza.

"The tour means not only the reconciliation of father and son, but a review of the history of Cuban music in the 20th century," says tour promoter Joan Antón Carrasch, who has been the director of the Barcelona Jazz Festival for four years.

"We put on one of their extremely rare concerts together last year and proposed a joint tour," Carrasch says. "Working with them is a blessing."

Beginning in 1959, Chucho played in Bebo's Sabor de Cuba band in Havana, but Bebo left Cuba for good in

1961 after differences with Fidel Castro's revolution. Bebo had been a star in 1950s Cuba, but he spent nearly 40 years unrecognized playing in piano bars in Stockholm. Then in 2000, he was rediscovered by Spanish film director Fernando Trueba for his Latin jazz documentary "Calé 54." Trueba, who won the 1992 Academy Award for best foreign-language film for "Belle Époque," co-produced the new album with Miami-based fellow Latin jazz specialist Nat Chediak.

At the Madrid tour launch, Chucho said, "Bebo is my hero and my maestro," and on this tour I will rediscover things he taught me when I was a kid." Bebo responded, "This is a dream come true. Nobody is the world plays better than Chucho."

—Howell Liewellyn

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DIGITAL MUSIC BY ANTONY BRUNO

Name Your Price

Digital Services Looking For Sales Boosts From Dynamic Pricing

Perhaps one of the biggest ongoing debates raging in the digital music industry today is over value. Exactly what is a digital song worth?

An easy way to answer the question is to say that a song or album is worth what the public will pay for it. At first blush, it seems Apple discovered this threshold years ago by insisting on a flat-rate, 99-cent per-track/\$9.99-per-album fee. Yet although most digital download services have adopted a similar pricing model, there's no consensus that it is here to stay.

Several record labels are advocating a variable pricing model that would allow them to charge more for some tracks and less for others. The challenge is deciding how to establish those different rates in a manner that maximizes sales.

In the past, this was an often-costly trial-and-error process. In the digital age, however, that process is becoming much more refined. The digital retail environment allows for a much quicker collection of sales data and trends, as well as the ability to immediately raise or lower prices at a moment's notice on wide swatches of catalog or an individual track.

Which brings us to the concept of "dynamic pricing." While variable pricing refers to the practice of charging different prices for different songs/albums, dynamic pricing describes the process of determining how those prices are set.

One of the first incarnations of a dynamic pricing model is about to be implemented this month. PassAlong Networks will soon begin selling select



AmieStreet founders, from left, ELLIOTT BREECE, JOSHUA BOLTUCH AND ELIAS ROMAN

tracks provided by Netwerk Group for between 29 cents and \$1.39 on all 44 of the digital music services using its StoreBlocks platform.

The company is using a pricing engine from Digiplex that analyzes a complicated mix of consumer behavior and Internet economics to suggest the optimal cost. Factors include the price of different tracks and albums of the same genre on different services, sales traffic and radio airplay.

According to Digiplex VP of strategy Jeff Eglen, the resulting recommendations may be surprising.

"The misconception is that the more popular a track is, the higher the price will go," he says. "That's not the case at all."

In some cases, the system may recommend reducing the price of a mainstream popular release to potentially double sales, while raising the price on some obscure cut favorite it figures only diehard fans will buy at any price.

PassAlong CEO David

Jaworski is particularly interested in how pricing will affect sales of older catalog tracks.

Meanwhile, the indie- and unsigned-artist focused AmieStreet has been testing the dynamic pricing waters for a year as a means of promoting emerging acts. Founded by three Brown University grads, the service uses dynamic pricing as a unique barometer of track popularity and user involvement. All tracks first listed with AmieStreet are available for free. As more people buy the tracks, the cost goes up, capped at 98 cents.

The cost of purchased tracks is deducted from members' AmieStreet accounts, which they must refill by purchasing credits. Members also receive credits each time a song recommended to friends is purchased. The amount of credit received depends on how much the member recommending the track paid for it, versus the price paid by others. So if a member paid 2 cents for a song when it was new and as a result of recommending it to others the price gradually increased to 46 cents, that member would receive 44 cents of credit into his account each time a friend buys that same track.

The more credits a member receives as a result of recommendations—known as "street credit"—the more that member is recognized as a trusted tastemaker on the service.

"The community determines how much an album sells for," AmieStreet co-

founder Joshua Boltuch says. "They're proud of the fact that they discovered the song first and helped promote it. People are taking real ownership of the discovery process."

On average, songs sell for between 30 and 40 cents. The company expects to reach the milestone of 500,000 sales this month.

Adopting dynamic pricing on a broad scale, however, would require a change in how the music industry licenses music to digital music services. Labels and publishers would have to agree to base their wholesale price on a percentage of the retail price, with perhaps a minimum limit set, as opposed to the flat per-track fee most agreements impose.

But like anything else related to digital music sales today, the dynamic pricing model remains very much in the early stages. The music industry will likely keep a close eye on these experiments by PassAlong and AmieStreet, just as it's monitoring EMI's digital rights management-free sales effort. And expect more such trials to surface in the months ahead.

Simply selling music in digital form is only the first step. But digital revenue has yet to close the gap falling CD sales have created. Only by taking advantage of the other opportunities provided by a digital marketplace can the industry fully capitalize on its promise.

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WII LIKES TO BOOGIE

The music-based games keep coming, with the new "Boogie" for the popular Wii coming in August. Players will be able to dance, sing and create music videos for the soundtrack's 35-plus hit songs. They include tunes from the Jackson 5, Gypsy Kings, the Commodores, Kool & the Gang, Pink, Dee-Lite and Rihanna.

COMPILING CONTENT

Contentonline.com is a new online music community that compiles information from more than 50 online music services, such as iTunes, Rhapsody and Nap-

ster, into a single directory. Information includes details on various featured artists from the different sites, ratings of different services by members and digital rights management comparisons. It also includes industry news and commentary by a staff of bloggers.

FLIP YOUR OWN

Fliptrack, a music video and photo slide-show widget, has partnered with the Vens Wepared tour. Under the deal, the Wepared tour Web site will feature the Fliptrack synchronized video creation tool, allowing attendees to create their own videos based on the acts participating in the tour.

HOT RINGMASTERS

WEEK	LAST WEEK	TITLE	ORIGINAL ARTIST
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2	2	2	2
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San Kingston's "Beautiful Girl" holds at No. 1 for a second straight week. The title marks its fifth consecutive week of at least 100,000 downloads (105,000).

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NO NOISE NO MORE

Getting ready to settle into a long flight, but next to you is the baby who got kicked off the plane in Houston? Try JVC's new noise-canceling headphones plugged into your favorite MP3 player. The company says the headphones can eliminate up to 85% of background noise. Each earpiece features a double-housing structure and memory foam-cushioned ear pads to block out that annoying "bye bye plane" from the rugrat across the aisle, as well as a 40mm "neodymium driver" for quality sound. And it has an airline dual-plug adapter so you can watch the in-flight "Bridge to Terabithia" in relative peace.

They'll be available in early August for \$200. Required AAA battery sold separately.

—Antony Bruno





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Behind The Bug/ Windswept Deal

Even Indie Publisher Buys Can Be Challenging

While the hottest assets to buy in the music business right now are publishing rights, the legal logistics in acquiring these rights can be so much more complicated than one might think. A perfect example is Bug Music's recent acquisition of Windswept Holdings and T/Q Music.

Five law firms were involved in the final sale (Billboard, July 21). And countless more firms represented publishers, private equity firms, hedge funds and individual investors who considered buying the companies during the last year. Representing the sellers were Sidley Austin in Los Angeles for its mergers-and-acquisitions advice; Loeb & Loeb in Los Angeles for its publishing and intellectual property advice; and Mayer Brown Rowe & Mavin in London as an adviser to Windswept management. Representing Bug were Latham & Watkins in San Francisco for M&A advice, which joint ventured with Jeff Secherow in Los Angeles for IP advice.

"When you have three sellers, two acquired companies and one buyer with multiple investors, you have a big team of lawyers," says **Bred Bugdanowitz**, a partner with Latham & Watkins. "With that many players from the legal side—putting aside the business side, which had its own cast of characters—it was an enormous team effort that involved many weeks of in-person negotiations in a big conference room with lots of people, and the dynamics were complex."

Windswept was a U.S.-based company that owned thousands of copyrights. The U.S. subsidiaries of Tokyo-based Fuji Pacific Music and Fuji Television Network owned Windswept. As part of the deal, Fuji Pacific and Itochu Corp. also wanted to sell T/Q Music, whose catalog was administered by Windswept.

"More and more we see situations where people are looking for something beyond just the price," says **John Frankenhimer**, partner/chairman of Loeb & Loeb's music practice group. They may want to form strategic alliances and create other synergies for their companies as part of the deal, he says.



FRANKENHIMER

"This is one [deal] that took some time because Windswept and the owners of Windswept were very focused on doing the right deal for them," Frankenhimer says. "They were looking for people who they felt would provide a long-term relationship with Fuji Pacific and a general comfort level of what would happen to Windswept going forward."

In addition to issues involv-

It was an enormous team effort.

—BRANDON BUGDANOWITZ, LATHAM & WATKINS

ing the integration of the Windswept operations with Bug, financing played a large role. When a major publisher or a publicly traded company acquires a smaller company, it can often simply write a check for the purchase. "But this was a minnow swallowing a whale," Bugdanowitz says.

Crossroads Media, which owns a controlling interest in Bug, is a strategic partnership between Spectrum Equity Investors and former Viacom COO **Thomas McGreth**. Crossroads secured the financing, Bugdanowitz says.

On the legal side, the financing required negotiating and drafting provisions in the acquisition agreements that

would be acceptable to all parties. These provisions made securing the financing a condition of closing the deal and included a covenant (i.e., a legal promise) that all parties would cooperate in the process of securing that financing. And then the agreements required acceptable provisions that coordinated transactions so that the money would get to the right place at the right time and be spent on the right thing, Bugdanowitz adds.

Sacharow handled the IP issues for Bug, examining some of the Windswept and T/Q catalogs to determine which rights were owned and how long those copyrights would remain with the company.

"You typically look at the top-earning songs within the catalog," he says. "Like most catalogs, there's the 80-20 rule, which is that 20% will generate that top 80% of the revenue. But even within that 20%, you won't look at every one of those songs because it's cost-prohibitive—and you probably don't have the time because the deal is in such a competitive environment."

While Frankenhimer believes that Bug is now one of the top two or three indie publishers, if not the top one, it's not size alone that's likely to make Bug a strong voice for independent publishers.

"When you have a substantial independent that is focused on the creative side—makes that a priority—and aggressively executes behind a plan to become even more important and meaningful in the marketplace and in the creative community, you can see it can be a very small company or of much larger size like Bug, and it can be equally effective. It's really about execution, focus and priorities."

Moshe Kupietzky, managing partner of the Los Angeles office of Sidley Austin, led that firm's team for the sellers....

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Behind Closed Doors

Music Figures Heavily In Voyeuristic HBO Campaign

As demonstrated by the recent online escapades surrounding **Nine Inch Nails'** "Year Zero," interactive marketing is becoming more high-concept—and more of a crucial piece in the promotion process.

Now, a new campaign from HBO and its agency BBDO is taking interactive marketing to another level. The groundbreaking **HBOVoyeur.com** puts the viewer/consumer in control of the situation at hand, which is a series of interconnected stories within eight apartments of a random urban apartment building. The whole storyline plays off the notion that the best stories are the ones we're not meant to see.

Music plays an integral role throughout. The stories are accompanied by interchangeable soundtracks, composed by **Interpol's Carlos D. Scott Hardakis, Dean Wareham and Britta Phillips** of Luna and others. Not just interchangeable, but highly choreographed compositions that move with the actors. Each artist is clearly identified throughout the campaign.

The clever **HBOVoyeur** uses Flash 9 and **Paterson Vision 3D** to create a highly entertaining online world. Those who have a soft spot in their heart for **Alfred Hitchcock's** classic film "Rear Window" will find much to admire here.

"Consumers have the attention span of a gnat," says **Lainie Copicotto**, president of **Aurelia Entertainment**, a boutique marketing agency in Bronxville, N.Y. "So, the question becomes, 'How do you make your campaign stand out against all the others?'"

HBOVoyeur accomplishes this because it lets "you, the consumer play on the site," Copicotto says. "You can change up the stories, the music, make it fit whatever mood you're in. It's as if the network has put its cool storytelling into an ad campaign."

Copicotto has hit the nail on the head. The **HBOVoyeur** campaign, like the premium cable channel's programming, focuses on powerful storytelling. And that essence needed to be visually and aurally conveyed to consumers. **HBO** senior VP of consumer marketing **Courteney Monroe** says:

Those logging on to **HBOVoyeur.com** are not hit over the head with **HBO** imagery. "We're respecting viewers' intelligence," Monroe says. "We always strive for that in our marketing." **HBO** and **BBDO** began discussing the campaign more than a year ago. Once the visuals were completed, musicians were brought in to write the action, with help from music supervision company **Search Party Music**.

During the music-making process, it was important for the artists to not create something that "sounded too much like a score," **BBDO** senior creative director/writer **Mike Smith** says. Additionally, the music is from the

viewpoint of the voyeur, not the action taking place on the screen.

Carlos D says it "took me a minute to wrap my head around the whole concept." He recalls several conversations with **BBDO** wherein the intent was clear, but the presentation less so "because there were no boundaries. Of course, that's what kept me interested. Since there was no real reference point—because the story-telling is so different—it was like scoring to the unknown," he says. "The music had to express this open-endedness."

Still, the music is infused with emotion. So, don't be surprised, when switching the music mid-storyline, that your personal experience also shifts. In seconds, with the push of a computer key, the story could potentially go from



comedy to tragedy or vice versa.

Less clear, at this point in time, is whether **HBOVoyeur** will bring new subscribers to the cable network. This is something **Robert Pasickoff**, president of brand consulting firm **Brand Keys**, cannot help but wonder. "What will this campaign ultimately do for **HBO**?" he asks. "Sure, an interactive campaign can be extraordinarily powerful, and it's better than airing TV commercials or putting up posters in bus shelters, but what will it do for **HBO's** bottom line?" According to Monroe, that was never the point. "This campaign is about reinforcing the essence of the **HBO** brand," Of course, she adds, if it does bring in new customers, "that's fantastic." ***

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LITTLE STEVEN'S UNDERGROUND GARAGE



GARAGE ROCK



So there I was at **E3 2007** having my analog mind blown every five minutes by the sheer size of the new cyber universe, and feeling like a dregless but equally high **Hunter Thompson** in Las Vegas, since the last videogame I mastered was "Pong."

E3 being the Electronic Entertainment Expo, held in Santa Monica, Calif., this year with 33 of the world's top de-

but, would you believe, important. It is one of the places rock'n'roll history is going to live. I know how silly that sounds to my old-school pals out there. But it's time to start asking ourselves, Where is our legacy going to be preserved?

The Web, thankfully, is one place. We're working on a rock curriculum for high schools, but if that is approved tomorrow it's still a year or two away from implementation.

So right now games are where it's at. "Rock Band" was created by Harmonix, which also created last year's sensation, "Guitar Hero." I ran into **Slash**, who told me he's actually in "Guitar Hero III," so I'm not the only road dog with arrested development.

"Rock Band" adds drums, bass and singing, along with the guitar controller, making it playable by four friends, an entire family or four players in four different countries. How cool is that?

Will it cause more young kids to want to be musicians? Absolutely.

Will it turn kids on to rock'n'roll songs they have limited access to? Absolutely. But that's not all.

"Rock Band" and any game using music will be a life preserver of new revenue to our drowning music industry desperately trying to find dry land.

More important, it will be revenue for new artists and writers, whose existence is being eliminated by subscription royalties and by radio suddenly being asked to pay for the privilege of broadcasting records. In other words, "Rock Band" is right on time.

Now if anyone happens to have an old "Pac-Man" in their basement, invite me over and I will kick your ass!

See you on the radio.

COOLEST GARAGE SONGS

TITLE	ARTIST / LABEL
1. COOLEST IN THE TOWN IN THIS WEEK	CRUEL GIRL THE RED BUTTON / GRIMBLE
2. DO THE ROBOT	DISSEY & THE SAFETY PIN-UPS / TEENACLES
3. LINDSEY NEVER GETS LONELY	THE ACTUAL / SONY DVE
4. 99%	THE MOONEY SUZUKI / ELIXIA
5. SOME OTHER GUY	THE NENTENOM / ITALY RECORDS
6. CODE FUN	BLACK TIE REVUE / GEARHEAD
7. SHE'S MY GIRL	THE SHAKE / RAINBOW QUARTZ
8. RENTACROWD	THE LEN PRICE 3 / WICKED COOL
9. DANNY SAYS	FOOT FIGHTERS / CMBG FOREVER
10. DANCE THE GO-GO	THE BREAKERS / FUNKALO

COOLEST GARAGE ALBUMS

TITLE	ARTIST / LABEL
1. ICKY THUMP	THE WHITE STRIPES / WARNER BROS.
2. BABY 81	BLACK REBEL MOTORCYCLE CLUB / RCA
3. THE WEIRDNESS	THE STROOGES / VIRGIN
4. CMBG FOREVER	VARIOUS ARTISTS / CMBG FOREVER
5. YOURS TRULY, ANGEL MOB	KASSER CHIEFS / UNIVERSAL
6. GLITTER IN THE GUTTER	JESSE MALIN / ADELIN
7. HAVE MERCY	THE MOONEY SUZUKI / ELIXIA
8. HERE FOR A LAUGH	THE BREAKERS / FUNKALO
9. RENTACROWD	THE LEN PRICE 3 / WICKED COOL
10. CATCH YOUR SHAP	PEACHUZZ / TEENACLES

*NEW YORK-BASED WICKED COOL RECORDS IS CREATED AND HEADED BY LITTLE STEVEN VAN ZANT

Marc Anthony

Jennifer Lopez's husband is a multimillion-selling artist and the founder of a new label. Now, with a starring role in the Héctor Lavoe biopic, Anthony is spreading his wings yet again.



When Marc Anthony was a young, up-and-coming singer with long, flowing hair, his friend, DJ/producer "Little" Louie Vega, took him to meet Héctor Lavoe, the legendary salsa singer. As Anthony recalls the meeting, Lavoe took one look at him and said, in jest, "Ave María, what an ugly chick!"

Lavoe and Anthony's paths would cross again, when Anthony attended a Lavoe show at New York's Orchard Beach. Now in "El Cantante," Anthony, the most accomplished vocalist in modern salsa music, pays homage by portraying Lavoe, who died in 1993.

Directed by León Ichaso, the movie opens Aug. 1 in more than 1,000 theaters nationwide and also stars Anthony's wife, Jennifer Lopez, who plays the role of Lavoe's wife, Nilda. The film's soundtrack, to be released July 24, is Anthony's ninth studio album end the first from his new venture with Sony BMG.

During a sitdown with Billboard, Anthony spoke about "El Cantante," the changing face of salsa and his partnership with Lopez.

You seem very dedicated to salsa lately.

Absolutely. It's what I do, what I breathe, what I live. I'm really inspired to do another Spanish ballad album, because [2004's] "Amar Sin Mentiras" was really groundbreaking for me personally. It's another way for me to express myself. I think I'll be ready in a couple of months to press the button on a Spanish pop album. As far as [an] English [album] is concerned, I'm not that interested right now, although I have a couple of tracks I'm into.

On the "El Cantante" soundtrack, your interpretation is different from your past salsa albums. Did you try to sound like Lavoe? How do you approach something that daunting?

The answer to that is twofold. The first [thing is], what do you want to accomplish in the studio before you start recording? I settled on celebrating his approach to music. I was going to try to learn his phrasing, and try to stay true to what he offered as a singer. That was No. 1. Once I made that decision, I realized that I was in deep shit, because the hardest part of this whole project was the music—singing like him, understanding his phrasing. That's when I realized his true genius. That's why they called him "el Cantante de los Cantantes" [Singer of Singers].

What is so distinctive in his phrasing?

He speaks in clave [the traditional,

syncopated salsa beat]. He couldn't say anything off this metronome. The first thing was to understand his metronome, his clock. It's so unique, and it was in every line.

Lavoe was a Latin icon, but he's certainly not well-known in the mainstream. What kind of impact can you have with someone like this?

That's like saying, "Who was Sid Vicious and was he worthy of a movie?" No one knew and they made "Sid and Nancy." Héctor Lavoe has this intangible thing. If I were to introduce you to just his music, you would want to know the man. If I were to tell you this amazingly crazy story, you should want to hear his music. And when you have both, it's a story that needs to be told. No one can sit there and tell me his music is less important than Ray Charles' or Johnny Cash's.

So you don't think this is just for Latin fans?

No. This is a human story. Any artist who is significant for 20-30 years is still viable. His music, if you released it today, would still be viable. When you have somebody like Daddy Yankee saying his only regret was he didn't get to perform with Héctor Lavoe... My God, it's a whole generation removed, and it's still important. This is not small. This is not a local story.

This is a hard-hitting salsa album, coming at a time when salsa is nowhere near what it was in

Lavoe's time. Do you hope to respark an interest?

If you think about those who last in this industry, it's those who can't live without their music. We [recently] had a whole trend of salsa artists coming out of nowhere because they were young and pretty. But what was behind the music? Where is their point of view? We need to create an atmosphere, especially within the record companies, where each album [is seen] as a steppingstone. It should be something you can be proud of 20 years from now—and not just think, "Oh, I'll put out this album, and I'll hybrid it with reggaeton, and a little bit of R&B, and it's not even salsa anymore. Record companies should concentrate on signing and nurturing. Nurturing would be the word."

Well, labels don't have as much money now to be petulant.

Record companies are looking for a quick fix, and that's what brought on this shit. There wasn't any A&R. They didn't nurture the stars; they nurtured the producers so they could sell the singles. And then you had these fragmented albums.

Are you planning on having your own label?

Yes, yes, yes. The Héctor Lavoe soundtrack is the first album on it. It's just me in partnership with Sony BMG. We're in the midst of doing some interesting stuff.

We need to create an atmosphere, especially within the record companies, where each album is seen as a stepping stone.

You and Jennifer Lopez have your own separate, successful careers, and yet you seem to be doing a lot together. How do you balance that?

Actually, what you've witnessed is literally only 1% of the stuff that has been made available to us. A big part of mine and Jennifer's connection is the understanding that we have a passion for what we do. So, it's just a natural progression to be involved. Me, I cannot sit down and have a conversation about image. That's her strong suit. And she's been doing a lot of shows lately and that's something I understand. I love when she tells me, "Look, I have this show coming up. I want you to produce it, get the band, this and that." She picks me up where I'm weak and I elevate her where she's weak. That's where the true partnership comes in.

Is it true that the two of you might tour together?

Well, Jennifer has never toured. I've toured all my life. This is where I can step in and say, "Oh, my God, this could be fun," and introduce her to that world. It is something she's always wanted to do, but she's never had the time. And I was offered many more films I never took advantage of because I was always on tour. So, yes, we're seriously talking about going out this year, putting together an amazing show with just her and myself.

Lopez has been a pioneer in creating that paradigm of the 360-degree artist who has many sources of revenue and many endorsement deals. You, however, have yet to enter into such business deals. Why?

It's not for lack of interest or fuss. I just have to see it first. I have to see myself in that position. But that exclusivity has served me well. The fact that I haven't said "yes" means that when I do say "yes," it will mean something. But Jennifer definitely softened that target for me. There could be a definite opportunity coming in. ...

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with a seemingly innocuous comment by Live Nation CEO Michael Rapino, discussing the company's 2005 fourth-quarter results on an investor conference call: "By the end of 2008, we should have clarity on ticketing, as our current Ticketmaster deal will expire in December of that year." ¶ In retrospect, that may have been the first card played in one of the most closely watched deals in recent memory, the ongoing negotiations between concert promotion giant Live Nation and Ticketmaster, the world's largest ticketing company. ¶ The financial stakes are huge for both companies, but ultimately this is an issue of control: who controls service charges, who controls inventory, who controls the secondary market and who controls the contact with fans. ¶ The culmination of the deal, no matter what happens, could be the catalyst for a sea change in the way artists and live entertainment producers interact with live music fans in the new e-world order. ¶ Whether Live Nation re-ups with Ticketmaster to handle ticketing for its venues and thousands of events, or if Live Nation takes ticketing in-house (as many observers think it will), most who have a stake in this business agree the concert industry at large will be greatly affected. ¶ For Ticketmaster, Live Nation represents a huge client and for Live Nation the decision is about maximizing revenue and connecting with fans. It's a business decision for both, but the live entertainment industry overall seems to view the situation as a "clash of the titans" of sorts. ¶ The attention focused on this deal bespeaks an industry that has sliced and resliced the financial pie many times. "The artists are counting every penny, the promoters are counting every penny, the venue managers are counting every penny," says John Scher, Metropolitan Talent co-CEO and a veteran independent promoter. ¶ "As this [Ticketmaster/Live Nation] decision gets made, everybody else, from the biggest of the other players to the smallest club owners to all of the major independent promoters and all of the sports franchises, are waiting for the smoke to clear," Scher says.

Even more important than the economics could be the ticket buyer data, its inherent value and ownership of the touchpoint. As live performance increasingly is the platform from which merchandising, branding and career development are launched, that touchpoint has more value than ever.

So the music business is watching. "As representatives of artists, we [support] whoever provides the greatest opportunity for us to touch our fans directly, in whatever manner we choose to," says Jim Guerinot of Rebel Waltz Management (Gwen Stefani, Nine Inch Nails). "Be it fan clubs, auctions, VIP, however the artist wants to engage their fans directly, we're looking for someone who will allow us the opportunity to do that in our own way, without intrusion."

SETTING THE STAGE

The contract between Ticketmaster and Live Nation dates back to 1998 and Live Nation's predecessor, SFX Entertainment. (Venues acquired as part of Live Nation's House of Blues acquisition last year are contracted with Ticketmaster through 2009.)

Ticketmaster struck the deal as consolidator Robert F.X. Sillerman rolled up concert promoters and their amphitheatres into SFX, and the deal held firm when Clear Channel Communications bought SFX for \$4 billion in 2000 to form Clear Channel Entertainment.

After Clear Channel spun off CCE to form the independent, publicly traded Live Nation, Live Nation CEO Michael Rapino publicly expressed an interest in tapping into new revenue sources, including concessions and ticketing (Billboard, March 4, 2006).

Since 1988, the value of the ticketing business has changed drastically, with direct-to-fan ticketing, the secondary market, presales and dynamic pricing increasingly common and popular with fans and artists.

Ticketmaster and Live Nation have made moves that seem to enhance their bargaining power. Last year, Live Nation acquired a 51% interest in Musictoday, the acknowledged leader in the direct-to-fan space through artist e-commerce and fulfillment, and artist fan club ticketing. Through Live Nation's acquisition of a stake in CPJ, the company also acquired another player in that team, UltraStar.

Earlier this year, Ticketmaster purchased eChomusic, another successful direct-to-fan site, though not of the breadth and depth of Musictoday. Asked at the time if Live Nation's Musictoday deal added a sense of urgency to Ticketmaster's entire move into the direct-to-fan space, Ticketmaster CEO Sena Moriarty said, "No, not at all. This is something that we contemplated well before that, and our focus is genuinely extending our platform so that we can offer the best possible service to our clients. It really was internally driven and based on our own focus" (Billboard, March 31).

Live Nation's deal with Ticketmaster allows Live Nation to split 10% of its inventory in-house, a provision that Rapino felt was underutilized. "In the past, we have not aggressively pursued this," Rapino said in that 2006 investor conference call. "Going forward, we will pursue this opportunity with the benefit of a united brand and a single destination in liveNation.com. As we build liveNation.com and build traffic and a database, we are confident we can drive our brand and create new ancillary revenue lines."

This seems to be occurring. In the time since, Live Nation has significantly ramped up liveNation.com to the point that its unique

visitors are approaching 3 million per month, second (if distantly) only to Ticketmaster's 21 million unique monthly visitors as a live entertainment destination.

It's clear that liveNation.com wants to be the "go-to" site for live entertainment fans. With a broad venue and event database in place, Live Nation will at the very least have made significant inroads toward the digital infrastructure required to compete on that level. The site already bills itself as the "world's largest concert search engine."

Building up liveNation.com would seem a savvy move with or without a ticketing component. "The thing that is becoming clear in a new e-commerce world is anybody who doesn't touch the consumer is making a mistake," Guerinot says. "The record companies realized that if all of a sudden you sell 5 million records and you don't know who these people are and you can't communicate with them going forward, then you've made a mistake."

REBATES

But the immediate financial issue here is rebates: basically royalties paid by the vendor (Ticketmaster) back to the client (venue, team or promoter) for the rights to sell its tickets. Ticketmaster makes its revenue from service charges (roughly 5% to north of 10% of total ticket price) paid by ticket buyers; part of the service fee, typically less than half, ends up as rebates.

Rebates have become a significant revenue stream for all venues that outsource ticketing, particularly large, high-volume buildings like stadiums, arenas and amphitheatres. Rebates can be worth up to \$1 million per venue per year, even scaled down from Live Nation's seasonal amphitheater business and non-Live Nation venues, the revenue is substantial.

Sources close to the relationship say Ticketmaster sells between 14 million and 15 million tickets per year to Live Nation events (music, theatrical, family shows, motorsports), generating about \$100 million in service-charge fees for Ticketmaster, which saw revenue of nearly \$1.1 billion in 2006.

Live Nation last year slotted Ticketmaster rebate revenue under its Digital Distribution division. This business segment then included Live Nation's third-party ticketing relationship with Ticketmaster, its in-house ticketing operations, and online and wireless distribution activities, including the development of liveNation.com.

According to Live Nation's annual report, the Digital Distribution Division generated \$99 million, or 3% of total Live Nation revenue. Last year, this segment derived the majority of its income—\$81.9 million—from ticket rebates earned on tickets sold through the phone, outlets and the Internet, for events promoted and/or produced by Live Nation. The sale of the overwhelming majority of these tickets is outsourced to Ticketmaster, with "no significant direct operating expenses associated with it," according to the report.

Beginning this year, the bulk of Live Nation's ticket-related revenue (including fees from tickets sold through Live Nation's in-house ticketing operation) is reported under its North American Music segment, and a portion of in-house ticketing revenue from liveNation.com is now recorded under Live Nation's Global Digital segment.

Live Nation is clearly improving its position regarding in-house ticketing, no doubt resulting in part from the acquisition of Musictoday

and the build-out of liveNation.com. For the quarter ended March 31, Global Digital revenue increased \$500,000 to \$1.3 million, or a 70.7% increase over the same period in the prior year. The increase in revenue was primarily attributed to increased sponsorship revenue associated with Live Nation's in-house ticketing operations, driven by VIP programs, sponsored presales and other promotions.

PROS AND CONS

Even if their 10% allotment is generating more dollars these days, by far the largest component of Live Nation's current ticketing revenue is derived from Ticketmaster rebates on tickets sold at North American venues owned or operated by Live Nation. The company also receives much lower rebates from tickets sold in third-party venues in connection with a Live Nation event where Ticketmaster or another company operates the ticketing.

As a public company facing the challenges of a cyclical live music industry, massive talent costs, a seasonal and flat amphitheater business and the dicey economics of a consolidated concert business, Live Nation must look at all potential revenue streams and how to maximize them.

Part of that process is determining whether the company should outsource ticketing or take it in-house. Live Nation must determine if it is more financially prudent to run a ticketing business and capture the revenue and information therein, balanced against the cost and waste of a massive ticketing infrastructure entails.

If Live Nation were to take its ticketing in-house, it would be able to capture fees that had previously gone to Ticketmaster. But once artists and managers weigh the fact that Live Nation is deriving more revenue from service charges, it could prove difficult for Live Nation to fully protect that revenue stream. In a crowded value chain where all parties operate on narrow margins, no revenue is left unexamined, no piece of pie is unsliced.

Of course, artist representatives are already aware that rebates exist, and that venues and promoters get a piece of the pie they do not share. "Agents and managers have responded to that over the past decade or so by tightening the deals knowing—maybe not accurately knowing but at least believing—that the promoters and the venues were making ancillary income," Scher says.

Another question is whether Live Nation has the infrastructure to do its own ticketing profitably. In distributing 480,000 (free) Ozfest tickets in just a few days in June, Live Nation showed it can handle volume (billboard.biz, June 14). But volume is relative. Live Nation says it drew attendance of 60 million to its 26,000 events in 2006, much of it at third-party venues already contracted to Ticketmaster.

Ticketmaster, on the other hand, sold 128 million tickets last year valued at more than \$7 billion, with Live Nation accounting for roughly



Ticketmaster CEO SEAN MORIARTY, left, chairman TERRY BARNES, second from right, and executive VP of North America business operations MIKE MCGEE, right, present Live Nation CEO MICHAEL RAPINO with the Ticketmaster Platinum Ticket Award earlier this year for outstanding annual ticket sales.

10% of that volume. The Ticketmaster model is predicated on scale, and for Live Nation to achieve similar scale at 10% of Ticketmaster's volume would seem challenging at best.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Ultimately for Live Nation the real value in handling its own ticketing is the resulting consumer intelligence. If Live Nation is already selling tickets to millions of people at their own venues, they "would be crazy not to" take control of their ticketing, one industry insider says, given the value of this database to sponsors.

"If they don't move forward and do this, they're basically giving up a huge growth engine, not just in terms of what they make ticketing-wise. That's the small picture," says the source, who chose to remain anonymous. "The big picture is the huge opportunities for cross-marketing, advertising and sponsorship platforms. They have to do this."

For its part, Ticketmaster has in the new millennium used its data to become a powerful marketer of events. "There's no question that for an independent promoter like myself Ticketmaster has become an excellent marketing partner," Scher says. "They have turned the company from just being a nonproactive service company vending tickets to a company that has been very proactive in helping market shows, and I think that's vital."

Many large venues and festivals have done very well by handling their own ticketing, but smaller venues that try to go on their own are often at a disadvantage, Scher says. "The public is unquestionably used to looking for shows at ticketmaster.com," he says. "We've found when we do shows at [venues with in-house ticketing systems] that, even though these systems are good systems with hard-working people, fans think shows are sold out, don't exist or have been canceled. For the average con-

sumer Ticketmaster has become Coke."

That said, as a promoter Live Nation is a marketer by definition, and has built its own considerable concert-going database. The company continues to show marketing innovation, such as the sponsor-driven Free Ozfest, its own VIP upsell programs and numerous other Web-based initiatives. By owning and controlling the list of all ticket buyers, Live Nation will have information not only of huge value to itself as a promoter, but to sponsors seeking targeted marketing opportunities.

NEW WRINKLE

Ticketmaster has long forged its alliances with venues, promoters and sports teams as opposed to artists. Live Nation primarily aligns with artists through relationships with agents, managers and the artists themselves. However, when Ticketmaster parent IAC purchased a larger stake in mega-management firm Front Line—a stake Live Nation was reportedly desirous of—Ticketmaster created a de-facto alliance with artists it has not previously realized to any large degree.

Ticketmaster is at its heart a technology and technological services company that has increasingly delivered value in terms of marketing and promotion of live events. Aside from its hand-fought contracts and investing millions of dollars in infrastructure and R&D over the years, Ticketmaster has not been involved in the risk-taking, or concert promotion, side of the business.

If Live Nation can potentially be in the ticketing business, why couldn't Ticketmaster be in the concert promotion business? As the ticketing model changes and Ticketmaster faces competition on all fronts, surely the company will seek to leverage its deep pockets and marketing expertise to look for an expanded role

in the business. It is not that far a step from marketing and promotion of an event to outright concert promotion and risk management.

"[IAC] have made a significant investment in a big management company. There's probably nothing stopping them if [concert promotion] is the business they want to be in," Scher says. "The concert promotion business is a pretty risky business. You can't quantify whether people will come to a show or not. Could Ticketmaster with IAC become promoters? I don't know if it would be out of the question."

WHO WINS?

At this point, only executives with Ticketmaster and Live Nation, whom declined to be interviewed for this story, know what's best for them.

As an observer of the industry, what's probably best for us for them to be able to make a deal," Scher says. "Ticketmaster has built this amazing infrastructure that works very, very well. They're synonymous with concert and sports information; I think the public is trained to go there."

Others believe a new major player in ticketing could be a good thing. "Whether it's in ticketing, venues or promoters, more options will up creating a more fair market in which to make a decision," Guerinot says. "When you have options, you're always better off as a seller."

Again, Guerinot believes the endgame is about connecting with fans. "It's something all e-commerce models embrace: a direct relationship with your consumer, and get the middleman out of the way so that you can do this," he says. "People who facilitate the direct-to-consumer relationship for artists are of significant value. People who block that are not."

When it comes to signing a new contract, Live Nation holds the pen. If it re-ups with Ticketmaster, it will likely be because it is given more control over inventory rather than a sweeter financial deal. For Ticketmaster, Live Nation is a mega-client—but still only one client as the company expands into new territories like China, the lucrative secondary market and the vast potential of new marketing opportunities. ...

A TICKET TIMELINE

1997 Robert F.X. Sillerman begins consolidating the concert industry, eventually spending more than \$2 billion buying up concert promotions companies, venues, and related businesses.

1998 Ticketmaster ink 10-year deal with SFX Entertainment to provide exclusive ticketing services for SFX's venues and certain SFX-produced events.

2000 Clear Channel spins off Clear Channel Communications acquires SFX for \$4 billion, creating Clear Channel Entertainment. The independent, publicly traded company is the world's largest promoter, venue operator and producer of live events.

2005 Live Nation CEO Michael Rapino says he plans to ramp up liveNation.com, and maximize ticketing and concessions revenues.
 ■ Live Nation acquires House Of Blues Entertainment and a 51% interest in MusicToday.

2007 Ticketmaster buys direct-to-fan Internet site eSchorium.
 ■ Ticketmaster parent IAC buys a stake in management firm Front Line.
 ■ Live Nation moves 480,000 free Ozfest tickets.

2008 Live Nation/Ticketmaster contract expires at the end of the year.

2009 Ticketmaster contract with venues acquired as part of the Live Nation/House Of Blues transaction expires.



GLORIA GETS



HER ROOTS BACK

BY LEILA COBO

FOR HER BURGUNDY
DEBUT, ESTEFAN REVISITS
HER CUBAN PAST WITH
AN ALL-STAR CAST >>>



loria Estefan left her native Cuba when she was just a year old. Her family was allowed to take nothing with them, except the clothes they were wearing and a small bag. "Needless to say," Estefan says, "phonograph records were out of the question, so my grandmother would send my mother one record every time she sent a care package." "The first that Estefan recalls was by bass player Israel Lopez 'Cachao,' an album 'we listened to nonstop for months.'" "Four decades later, Estefan sat with Cachao in Crescent Moon studios in Miami and made Cuban music with him, evoking the country she left behind.

Cachao's contribution, along with those of 25 of Latin music's top veteran and contemporary musicians, can be heard on Estefan's new album, "90 Millas." Obviously tilted in a nod to the minuscule distance that separates Cuba from the U.S. mainland, the album is due Sept. 18 on Sony BMG-owned Burgundy, making this the first Spanish album released on the still-new boutique label.

In itself, the album's theme is not unique; Estefan has always delved into traditional tropical themes on her Spanish-language recordings, and other major artists have released albums exploring Latin roots rhythms as well (see story, this page).

But she's never manifested her proximity to her Cuban roots this pointedly before.

"90 Millas" marries vintage Cuban and Caribbean rhythms with modern arrangements, aligning Estefan's voice—most associated with pop—with more than a dozen veteran tropical Latin music icons, including Cachao, flutist/bandleader Johnny Pacheco, pianist Pappo Lucca and saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera. Also included in the mix are Carlos Santana and José Feliciano, who are featured on the first single, "No Llores," as well as salsa singer La India and Cuban rapper Pitbull.

Backed up by a multitracked, multimedia campaign that breaks ground on many marketing levels, the clear hope is that "90 Millas" will boost Estefan's sales closer to the multimillion-unit levels she regularly achieved in the 1980s and 1990s, which have eluded her with her past two albums.

The CD's release, during Hispanic Heritage Month, will coincide with screenings of a one-hour "90 Millas" documentary that features Estefan's manager/producer and husband Emilio Estefan Jr. describes as "50 years of Latin music in the United States." The film features interviews and footage of Estefan and the more than two dozen acts that appear on her album. Their joint genres, backgrounds and sheer longevity effectively represent an important slice of Latin music history that has rarely—if ever—been put to use for a single album or film. Although the full documentary is slated to be shown at film festivals and universities (already scheduled are showings at Berkeley College of Music and a film fest in Dubai), the CD will include an abridged, 20-minute EPK of interviews and footage new and vintage of all acts involved.

The multiplicity of elements at work has made "90 Millas" a desirable project for many brands. Indeed, the album will be the first release by a major Latin artist to be distributed in Starbucks stores.

Beyond that, the album will be supported by broad media and marketing campaigns with Wal-Mart and AT&T.

The mass merchant will feature Estefan as the cornerstone of its Hispanic heritage promotion and will use her image in a monthlong campaign via spots on Spanish-language TV that incorporate the "No Llores" video. AT&T will use "No Llores" as the theme for one of its national value campaigns, making this the first time that it has integrated the lyrics of a commercial single

into an ad's creative concept.

"It's groundbreaking for us," AT&T Hispanic marketing director Marcus Owenby says, noting that Estefan will also be featured across multiple media beyond TV and radio spots.

"She brings a lot of things to us," Owenby adds. "She has such great credibility with the fans and significant brand-based appeal. Every body knows Gloria. She's almost the first lady of Latin music."

To be sure, Estefan is one of a handful of artists who can successfully straddle mainstream and Latin markets. But her international reach and longevity—more than 20 years as a successful recording artist alternating between Spanish and English albums—allow her to reach market segments younger acts simply don't have.

Domestically, Estefan's album sales have fluctuated from millions of copies (for albums like "Mi Tierra" and "Into the Light," among others) to hundreds of thousands, with her last album, 2003's "Unwrapped," selling 170,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan. What many forget, though, is that Estefan started as a mainstream pop artist who heavily incorporated Latin beats and sometimes words into her music. That mix gave Estefan unique appeal overseas as a mainstream artist who was nevertheless essentially Latin. It wasn't until 1993, after selling more than 30 million albums in and out of the United States, that she ventured into Spanish with "Mi Tierra," which has sold 1.2 million copies in the states, according to SoundScan.



CARLOS SANTANA and JOSÉ FELICIANO are two of the dozen-plus Latin music icons appearing on GLORIA ESTEFAN's new album. Above, from left, are EMILIO ESTEFAN JR., Santana and Gloria Estefan. Opposite page: Gloria Estefan and Feliciano performing at the Gloria Estefan Foundation Gala in February in Miami Beach.

Now, after a four-year hiatus from recording, "90 Millas" comes at a time when music—more than ever—can benefit from branding in order to be sold. "With how our industry has evolved in that short period and how [sponsorship] and digital have become such an important part of everything that we do, we feel we've covered our bases," says Estefan Enterprises president Frank Amadio, who also manages Estefan's day-to-day activities.

Since early June, iTunes has made available a download package that includes exclusive interviews in English and Spanish, new live performances and remastered versions of greatest hits, as well as an exclusive version of "Esperando."

On YouTube, the "No Llores" video amassed 40,000 hits within five days of being posted, Amadio says.

The "90 Millas" theme and sound evoke visions of the Cuba of yore, although all the material here is original, penned mostly by Estefan, her husband and writer/producer brothers Ricardo and Alberto Gaitan.

However, Estefan says, "what we didn't want to do was 'Mi Tierra Part 2,' because that album was so special. Yes, we wanted to do a Cuban album, but didn't know exactly in what vein. And, as it grew, it grew into

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW

Latin Acts Have Struck Occasional Gold By Mining Nostalgia

With proper timing and a bit of luck, marketing musical nostalgia can be big business.

In the Latin music realm, the most spectacular example has been "Buena Vista Social Club," an album produced and recorded under Byrnes' guidance. The number was extraordinary for an album in Spanish that was marketed to English speakers, had zero commercial airplay and featured elderly unknowns. In fact, "Buena Vista" was an anomaly in every sense of the word.

Although there have been rare instances of new acts breaking ground in this format—the Colombian's Carlos Vives with *Volante* or *Solidad* with Argentine folklorists—attempts at selling musical nostalgia tend

to work best when in the hands of established artists with solid fan bases.

Singer Linda Ronstadt, for example, returned to her Mexican roots with "Canciones de mi Padre" (My Father's Songs) after establishing herself as one of the top female rock artists in the world. The 1998 album has shifted nearly 600,000 since SoundScan began tracking sales in 1991.

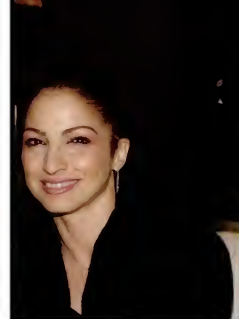
Spanish crooner Jolo Iglesias also went nostalgic with "Tango," although in his case, he infused the traditional Argentine rhythm with his distinct pop sensibility. And Gloria Estefan broke ground with 1993's "Mi Tierra," her first Spanish-language album, which emulated the vintage sound of 1940s and 1950s Cuban music. The album has sold 1.2 million copies in the United States and more than 4 million outside the country, according to Sony, proving non-Latin fans bought into the concept.

Although Estefan's "90 Millas" has been compared to "Buena Vista," it is a completely different concept as it aggressively inserts contemporary arrangements into traditional Cuban rhythms—what producer Emilio Estefan Jr. calls a mix of "the old and the new." That vintage touch is provided in a variety of ways. For the arrangements, he relied heavily on conga, bato (wooden sticks used to keep the beat) and tres (traditional, small Cuban guitar), which form the basis of older Cuban music.

The producer also utilized a variety of microphones to emulate older recordings, placing them at different distances from the instruments to more faithfully re-create certain sounds. While the entire album

was recorded in Pro Tools, the final mix was converted to analog for a warmer sound. As the songs began to take shape, many were arranged with a particular guest artist in mind. That roster of featured guests—which range from Andy Garcia to pianist Pablo Lucca and saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera—gives the album added credibility and broadens its commercial possibilities. —L.C.





a more modern thing. It was as if we had continued to bring this music along with the years."

"90 Millas" developed for at least two years, and the hardest thing, Emilio Estefan says, was the concept, "combining the old and the new without losing the authenticity," he says. "The simple solution, of course, would have been to record covers."

But "emotionally it wouldn't have been the same. We felt Cuba as children: Gloria was 1, I was 14. So, there is a part that does exist in nostalgia, but at the same

[time] there is another part that is contemporary music that we've made all over the world."

In addition to the many veteran names brought into the project, Estefan also requested Feliciano and Santana, "because in every interview I've done since the beginning, they always ask, 'How do you feel about opening doors?' And I always say, 'There are two men who opened the doors for all of us, and they were Feliciano and Santana.'"

As the new album took shape, and more and more guests acts were brought into the project, Emilio decided that what he first had imagined as an EPK had to become a documentary celebrating the history of Latin music.

LATIN TRACK RECORD

Gloria Estefan
Titles On
Billboard's
Hot Latin
Songs (below)
And Top Latin
Albums
Charts

U.S. Sales According to Nielsen SoundScan		109,000	1,198,000	435,000	265,000	28,000	29,000
The Billboard 200 Albums Chart		-	27	57	50	-	-
Weeks On Top Latin Albums Chart		26	184	85	54	12	5
Top Latin Albums Chart		1/4/1994	10/14/1993	10/14/1993	6/26/2000	10/20/2004	10/28/2006
Top Latin Albums Peak Date		1/4/1994	10/14/1993	10/14/1993	6/26/2000	10/20/2004	10/28/2006
Top Latin Albums Peak		12	1 (25 weeks)	2	1 (7 weeks)	25	37
"Latinos De" 1992		"Mi Tierra" 1991	"Martini Puente" 1995	"Alma Caribeña: Caribbean Soul" 1995	"Amor Y Suavidad: Latin Romances" 2004	"Que Mi Corazón Le Explique" 2004	

TITLE	RANK	WEEKS	PEAK	PEAK DATE	WEEKS ON THE CHART	LABEL
"No Me Vuelvo A Enamorar"	48	10/11/1986	17	11/6/1986	15	Sony Music/CBS
"Todo Por Ti"	45	4/9/1988	3	6/25/1988	18	Epic
"Uno Dos Tres"	46	9/3/1988	32	9/24/1988	6	Epic
"Si Voy A Perderla"	18	8/5/1989	1 (5 weeks)	9/16/1989	22	Epic
"Oye Mi Corazón (Heer My Voice)"	29	11/11/1989	10	3/3/1990	19	Epic
"Renacer"	30	10/27/1990	7	11/24/1990	17	Sony Music/CBS
"Desde La Oscuridad"	37	3/2/1991	4	4/27/1991	16	Epic/Sony Discos
"Hasta Amarte" (Gloria Estefan & Paco de Lucía)	37	5/16/1992	8	6/6/1992	11	Sony Music/Sony Discos
"Mi Tierra"	18	6/26/1993	1 (6)	8/7/1993	17	Epic/Sony Discos
"Con Los Años Que Me Quieren"	27	9/18/1993	1 (4)	11/13/1993	19	Epic/Sony Discos
"Mi Buen Amor"	24	1/22/1994	1 (2)	3/12/1994	15	Epic/Sony Discos
"Ayer"	19	5/7/1994	5	6/25/1994	13	Epic/Sony Discos
"Abriendo Puertas"	19	9/16/1995	1 (2)	10/21/1995	15	Epic/Sony Discos
"Mas Alla"	11	12/9/1995	1	1/6/1996	7	Epic/Sony Discos
"Tres Deseos"	12	1/20/1996	12	1/20/1996	4	Epic/Sony Discos
"La Parranda"	31	1/11/1997	31	1/11/1997	1	Epic/Sony Discos
"No Pretendo"	21	6/28/1997	1	8/2/1997	15	Epic/Sony Discos
"En El Jardín" (Wladimir Fernandez featuring Gloria Estefan)	20	12/6/1997	1 (6)	12/27/1997	25	Sony Discos
"Heaven's What I Feel"	29	5/23/1998	2	6/20/1998	10	Epic/Sony Discos
"Oye"	23	8/15/1998	1	9/5/1998	6	Epic/Sony Discos
"Santo, Santo" (Gloria Estefan & Gloria Estefan)	32	8/14/1999	2	9/25/1999	12	RCA/BMG Latin
"No Me Dejes De Querer"	10	5/6/2000	1	6/20/2000	14	Epic/Sony Discos
"Como Me Quisiera Perderla"	10	10/12/2000	1 (2)	9/23/2000	14	Epic/Sony Discos
"Por Un Beso"	42	8/4/2001	32	8/11/2001	6	Epic/Sony Discos
"Hoy"	20	8/23/2003	1 (4)	10/4/2003	26	Epic/Sony Discos
"Tu Fotografía"	24	2/21/2004	1	5/6/2004	22	Epic/Sony Discos

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"Getting this caliber of musicians together is almost impossible to do again," he says. "First, because of their age; second, because of history; and third, because of the sound we were able to obtain on this album."

When it came time to find a home for "90 Millas" within the Sony BMG family of labels (Sony has been Estefan's home for her entire career), a natural choice seemed to be Burgundy, a year-old label that specializes in such established acts as Chaka Khan, Aaron Neville and America, all with still-active fan bases.

"90 Millas" will be the label's first Spanish-language release, but when it comes to retail positioning, it will be placed in the Latin and pop sections.

"Our challenge is to get not only the Hispanic consumer but also the non-Spanish speaker to buy the record," says Tony Ward, VP of marketing for Sony BMG Commercial Music Group. "We think this is almost like a 'Buena Vista Social Club Part 2' in terms of the story, the quality. It's the best Latin musicians that are around today, and this may be one of the last records that some of them will be on. If [consumers] want to discover the history of Latin music, they'll want to pick this up."

To that end, Burgundy, with help from Sony BMG North for the Latin marketplace, is looking for "niche market" the album in and out of the United States, and "align ourselves with as many partners as we can," Ward says. In addition to the aforementioned branding partners, Estefan will be featured in a Hispanic heritage-themed Blue Cross/Blue Shield ad campaign that will run in South Florida movie theaters; she will perform an exclusive concert for Univision Radio and record an episode of "XM Confidential"; and she will cover mainstream promotion, appearing—as she has done with past albums—on such shows as "Good Morning America" and "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno."

Outside the States, activities include major shows in the Netherlands (for the 75th anniversary of the Port of Rotterdam) and a show in Madrid (at the Las Ventas bullring). Both will be televised. In Mexico, alliances are in place with retailer Sanborn's and mobile company Telcel.

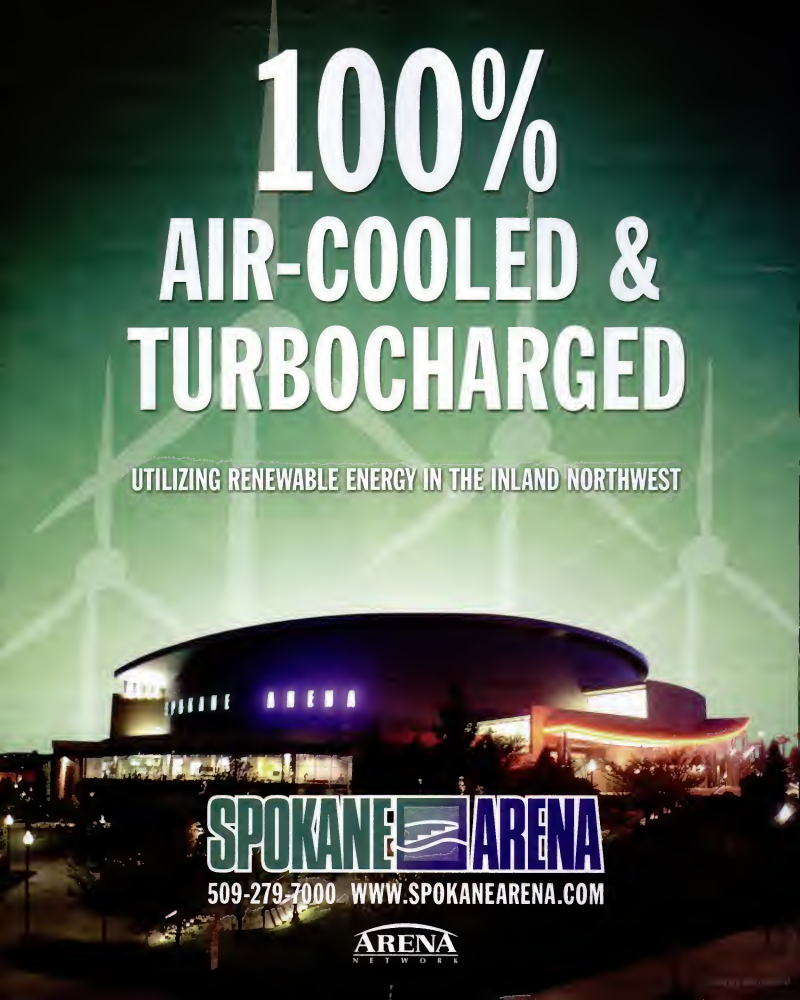
Estefan, who two years ago played what she said would be her last U.S. tour, is also in conversations to take a "lower key" version of her show to Europe and Latin America, where she hasn't toured since the 1980s.

"What I wanted to be on this album is me, with everything I've experienced so far," she says of "90 Millas." "Only one thing, she concedes, is missing. "The phenomenal Celia Cruz," Estefan says. "But although she couldn't be here physically, I felt her presence throughout the entire recording of the album. It's still impossible for me to feel like Celia's gone, simply because she is still so alive to me through her music and the friendship we shared for so many years. There were moments during this recording that felt like she was directing me to a degree or giving me ideas for where to go with the song."

For Cruz, who was never able to return to Cuba in her lifetime, it would have been like going home.

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HOT SPOTS

The Midyear Charts' Top-Selling Venues Span The Globe **BY RAY WADDELL**

The midyear rankings of the top-performing venues in the world show today's live entertainment business is more global in scope than ever. ■ Five of the top 10 arenas for the period Nov. 15, 2006, to May 15, 2007, are outside the United States; nine other international buildings make the top 10 in other venue size categories. ■ But in the upper echelon of big arenas, North American buildings rule the roost, with the top six arenas in terms of gross for the period coming from this region. Leading the way, per usual, is New York's Madison Square Garden, with the top gross among arenas with capacities of 15,000 or more. ■ The Garden reported more than \$34 million in grosses from 55 events that moved 646,377 tickets for the period. At the same time, the Madison Square Garden Entertainment-run Radio City Music Hall was tops in its size category, with a staggering \$80 million in reported grosses.

MSGE president Jay Marciano says a new pricing strategy contributed to both venues' success. "We developed new pricing for shows with less expensive ticket prices, allowing us to book acts that target a younger demographic including O.A.R., Dispatch, John Mayer and the Killers at the Garden and Arcade Fire and Damien Rice at Radio City," Marciano says.

"This strategy, coupled with our wide variety of programming from family shows to award shows, has resulted in an incredibly strong year to date."

Second in the rankings of large arenas is the venerable Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. In perhaps the most competitive live music market on Earth, the T&M Center has had to diversify its lineup, with impressive results.

T&M Center director Daren Libonati says that since November the arena has "pushed" fans through its doors by hosting such wide-ranging sporting events as National Finals Rodeo, the NBA All-Star Game, the Mountain West Conference Basketball

Tournament, boxing, mixed martial arts and championship equestrian events.

"We don't chase concerts anymore," Libonati says. "When we find a show, we do it. For example, we did Dancing With the Stars, Cheetah Girls and High School Musical in that window."

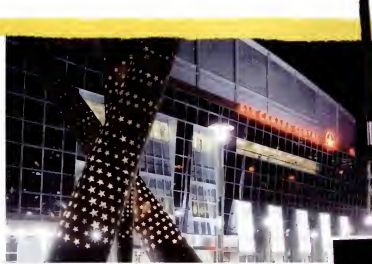
But chasing music events in Vegas can be counterproductive, according to Libonati. "The competition and artist guarantees have made this difficult, and the promoters and agents can create a better financial package at the hotels," he says. "I'd rather spend 100% of our time on the business that makes 90% of our revenues, instead of 100% of my time chasing concerts for 10% of my revenues."

The third-ranked arena stays west of the Mississippi, as Los Angeles' Staples Arena comes in with more than \$26 million in grosses from 34 shows, remarkable for such a tenant-laden arena.

Staples Center senior VP Lee Zeidman credits the success to several factors, not the least of which, in his case, is chasing concerts.

"In the eight years continued on >>>26





from >>25 since we've been open we've become more proactive in reaching out to promoters, agents and artist management on a weekly basis, applying them to our open dates," Zeidman says. "Secondly, we continue to upgrade the facility on an annual basis, improving our amenities for both artists and patrons."

Zeidman says a third factor is building and sharing the arena's considerable marketing resources.

In Florida, Elmer Straub, VP of event booking at the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, says the top 10 ranking is the result of hard work. "Our staff works hard to make the experience of playing the Forum in Tampa a great one," Straub says. "Whether coming through the front doors to enjoy an event as a patron or a production team leading in, we make every effort to make our building a great play."

Detroit has long been known as one of the best live music markets in the United States, and the Palace at Auburn Hills shows there's still some box-office muscle in Motown. The Palace racked up more than \$21 million in grosses from a whopping 67 reported events. Hometown hero Bob Seger led the charge.

"We had an exceptionally strong concert lineup between November and May, led by four Seger shows," Palace executive VP Marilyn Hauser says.

"In addition to those Seger homecoming dates, we had more than a dozen sellouts, including Eric Clapton, Billy Joel, Josh Groban, Red Hot Chili Peppers, High School Musical and Trans-Siberian Orchestra."

So much for the economic collapse of Detroit. "As much as reports have reflected a slow economy in Detroit, the [ticket] sales prove otherwise," Hauser says. "There is no doubt Detroit is still a great concert town."

And so is Toronto, as evidenced by \$20 million in grosses and 359,596 tickets sold for the Air Canada Centre.

"In the last six months we've hosted 28 concert events—this is the traditionally slower half of the year for the concert business," ACC director of booking Patti-Ann Tarlton says.

Among the major acts were the Who, Billy Joel and Justin Timberlake, but the building also did well with family shows and newer content like High School Musical and Cheetah Girls; a number of Asian cultural events were also strong.

"Toronto is still on fire," Tarlton says. "I know in some markets 28 concerts is considered a good year."

Across the pond, the Manchester (England)

MIDYEAR REPORT TOURING

Toronto's Air Canada Centre and London's Wembley Arena had strong first-half...

Evening News Arena was the seventh-highest-grossing large arena, reporting nearly \$20 million. The building is managed by Philadelphia-based venue management firm SMG.

"The MEN Arena has gone from strength to strength since SMG took over the management and operation from Ogden seven years ago," SMG Europe managing director/junior VP John Sutherland says. "Our philosophy is to offer promoters and artists a partnership where we get involved and share responsibility for maximizing ticket sales. The result is that this year we expect to sell over 1 million concert tickets at the MEN alone."

On the other side of the globe, the Acer Arena in Sydney is the eighth-ranked arena, with slightly more than \$19 million in box office. Acer Arena GM of business development Don Elford says the year started off strong with Walking With Dinosaurs pulling off 21 shows, more than double the original schedule.

Other shows that helped drive business to

Acer Arena were Red Hot Chili Peppers (three shows), Beyoncé, Roger Waters and native Aussie Keith Urban.

Also robust were two shows by extreme motorsports show Crusty Demons.

But the streak started last year. Elford points out. "At the end of 2006 we had an amazing run with Pearl Jam for three shows, Kylie Minogue for three shows and Billy Joel for two shows that saw him smash the concert house capacity record." Elford says, adding that the concert market in Sydney is more than healthy.

"Almost everything that we have on sale is selling through the roof, with Guns N' Roses, Christina Aguilera, Gwen Stefani, Snow Patrol, Fall Out Boy and the Powderfinger and Silverchair double bill all expected to exceed expectations," Elford says.

Rounding out the top 10 are two more international buildings, the Coliseo de Puerto Rico in Hato Rey (\$18.6 million) and the Sportpaleis in Antwerp, Belgium (\$15.7 million). More than half the latter's total came from a 12-show run by Clouseau. In Puerto Rico, Ricky Martin took in nearly \$4 million from four shows.

CAPACITIES 15,000 OR MORE						
TOP 10 VENUES						
	TOTAL GROSS	FACILITY, City Venue Capacity	Total Attendance	Total Capacity	No. of Shows	No. of Sellouts
1	\$34,045,896	MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK 20,897	546,377	775,553	55	16
2	\$27,247,466	THOMAS & MACK CENTER, LAS VEGAS 19,354	431,792	545,717	40	5
3	\$26,235,576	STAPLES CENTER, LOS ANGELES 20,000	329,555	390,741	34	7
4	\$21,928,821	ST. PETE TIMES FORUM, TAMPA, FLA. 21,500	363,715	453,320	52	15
5	\$21,096,765	PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS, AUBURN HILLS, MICH. 20,354	519,855	779,224	57	9
6	\$20,187,713	AIR CANADA CENTRE, TORONTO 19,500	355,596	416,262	33	10
7	\$19,194,684	MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS ARENA, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND 19,500	274,693	290,329	23	13
8	\$19,013,898	ACER ARENA, SYDNEY 21,000	243,404	270,997	14	9
9	\$18,643,943	COLISEO DE PUERTO RICO, HATO REY, PUERTO RICO 18,500	257,886	300,829	31	2
10	\$15,766,880	SPORTPALEIS, ANTWERP, BELGIUM 20,000	406,253	435,005	27	1

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CAPACITIES 10,001 TO 15,000						
TOP 10 VENUES						
	TOTAL GROSS	FACILITY, City Venue Capacity	Total Attendance	Total Capacity	No. of Shows	No. of Sellouts
1	\$20,340,930	BRISBANE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA 15,900	252,852	277,854	35	3
2	\$14,976,692	WEMBLEY ARENA, LONDON 12,000	183,970	194,233	19	9
3	\$10,696,016	SAN DIEGO SPORTS ARENA, SAN DIEGO 15,000	250,552	488,037	35	7
4	\$8,996,191	VAN ANDEL ARENA, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. 12,654	240,701	347,331	40	6
5	\$7,923,945	JOHN LABATT CENTRE, LONDON, ONTARIO 10,300	176,951	215,334	41	5
6	\$6,827,387	MGM GRAND GARDEN, LAS VEGAS 14,500	84,705	85,533	7	6
7	\$6,025,645	JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA, CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA. 15,000	98,271	100,925	9	7
8	\$5,841,435	DCU CENTER, WORCESTER, MASS. 15,000	155,471	252,358	27	5
9	\$5,255,458	SPOKANE ARENA, SPOKANE, WASH. 12,500	159,716	301,126	26	4
10	\$5,104,528	NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE, BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND 13,000	89,412	100,287	10	4

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Younger artists such as JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE, above, and veterans like ROD STEWART, below, rank among the year's top tours.



TOP TOURS

Young And Seasoned Artists Alike Draw Fans By The Millions

Some appealing new blood joins a cast of top-performing veterans as pop stars Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera finish Nos. 1 and 2 in the top midyear tour rankings.

Both were powered by international dates during the period, which spans Nov. 15, 2006, to May 15, 2007. The combined total of the Aguilera/Timberlake tours is nearly \$100 million with some 1.3 million tickets sold.

AEG Live produced the bulk of dates on both tours, and CEO Randy Phillips says the success of Aguilera (promoted in Europe by a variety of promoters including Live Nation) and Timberlake represents "investment and return and, most

significantly, pride in our longstanding business partnerships with both [artists]." AEG Live promoted Aguilera and Timberlake as arena co-headliners in 2004. For his part, Timberlake has been box-office gold, and continues working through the summer. To date for the period, the artist reported \$52 million in grosses and slightly less than 700,000 in attendance. "Justin is off the chart as an arena headliner now," Phillips says.

The success of youth is obviously a positive for the concert biz, but the veterans still dominate, with the old guard representing six of the top 10 tours. Putting up even stronger numbers in a strong-career uptick is Rod Stewart, who reports \$38.5 million.

Stewart has been on a touring roll in the new millennium. His agent Dennis Arfa at AGI calls the British rocker "an icon who has a history of being a great live act." Arfa says Stewart's box-office numbers are up 20% from his last U.S. tour in 2004.

Arfa has also represented Billy Joel for more than 30 years. Joel is also kicking tail on the road in 2006 and 2007. Joel reported \$35.7 million from 26 shows, 25 of which sold out.

Bob Seger's return to the road in 2006/2007 was a massive success and one of the most anticipated tours of the past decade. Seger grossed slightly less than \$31 million, selling out all 36 shows to the tune of 477,162 tickets.

Live Nation Detroit president Rick Franks promoted the bulk of the dates and served as a de facto tour director, though Seger did work with other promoters. "Every 10 years, almost like clockwork, Bob val-

idates that he is rock'n'roll," Franks says. "I can't wait for 2017."

A perennial top 10 for more than three decades, Aerosmith again rocks on, reporting \$26.2 million from just 20 shows. The band's longtime agent Dan Weiner at Monterey says creative packaging with such acts as the Black Crowes, Guns N' Roses,

ChapTrick and Kiss helps, but it's really all about the boys from BeansTown.

"They don't lose fans over time," Weiner says, "they pick up another generation."

The Aerosmith demo is broad, Weiner

'AEROSMITH DOESN'T LOSE FANS, THEY PICK UP ANOTHER GENERATION.'

—DAN WEINER, MONTEREY ARTISTS

Still charting high after its set has been struck is U2. Nine stadium makeup shows late last year were enough to rank the Irish rock band's Vertigo tour at No. 5 with \$33 million in ticket sales. The final tally on Vertigo is \$389,047,816 and 4.6 million in attendance, the second-highest-grossing tour of all time. Vertigo was helmed by Live Nation global music chairman Arthur Fogel, who also directs this year's Police reunion tour.

Given the impact of the Police, the year-end top 25 tours chart will surely look much different from the midyear rankings. Beyond the Police (most likely the top-grossing tour of 2007 with already more than \$200 million in sales), just hitting stride are tours by Tim McGraw/Faith Hill, Kenny Chesney, Rascal Flatts and Dave Matthews Band.

Still to be a factor are Rush, Genesis, Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, Brad Paisley and the Rolling Stones, with the last of which reconvening for European makeup dates and other engagements that will add to the world-beating. Michael Cohl-produced bigger bang, too.

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	TOTAL GROSS	ACT Total Attendance	Total Capacity	No. of Shows	No. of Seatings
1	\$52,186,621	JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE 694,612	694,612	50	50
2	\$43,565,601	CHRISTINA AGUILERA 559,670	579,348	59	0
3	\$38,504,388	ROD STEWART 467,229	477,864	40	33
4	\$35,742,236	BILLY JOEL 378,995	379,313	26	25
5	\$33,047,888	U2 374,723	374,723	9	9
6	\$33,031,019	TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA 796,776	844,476	63	58
7	\$30,749,516	BOB SEGER & THE SILVER BULLET BAND 477,162	477,362	36	36
8	\$26,215,622	AEROSMITH 390,355	488,760	20	3
9	\$25,424,095	HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL-THE CONCERT 465,370	522,104	42	5
10	\$24,550,710	ERIC CLAPTON 290,556	295,963	23	17
11	\$22,778,961	CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S 'DELIRIUM' 285,765	369,500	65	1
12	\$22,395,649	JOSH GROBAN 299,029	308,412	26	23
13	\$21,353,983	RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS 345,457	365,721	25	17
14	\$21,128,425	KYLIE MINOGUE 246,791	247,614	20	17
15	\$16,422,883	HANÁ 252,876	260,784	25	17
16	\$15,783,473	THE CHEETAH GIRLS 437,200	452,446	50	29
17	\$14,128,196	DANCING WITH THE STARS-THE TOUR 258,436	330,549	38	4
18	\$13,199,510	ROGER WATERS 201,935	220,281	8	2
19	\$13,124,673	RICKY MARTIN 250,463	273,699	22	5
20	\$12,673,641	RASCAL FLATTS 197,553	199,757	17	15
21	\$12,547,157	LARRY THE CABLE GUY 300,602	326,246	60	55
22	\$11,101,356	KENNY CHESNEY 173,763	173,763	13	13
23	\$11,084,657	JOHN MAYER 244,076	255,004	29	17
24	\$10,769,800	ANDREA BOCELLI 75,165	86,999	7	1
25	\$10,450,208	NICKELBACK 227,608	227,609	16	16



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	GROSS SALES/ ARTIST(S)	Attendance, Grossing	City	Promoter(s)
1	\$11,188,720 U2, KANYE WEST Telerec. Dome, Melbourne Nov. 18-19, 2006	127,775 \$11.1M	FLA	The Next Adventure, Michael Coppel Presents
2	\$8,224,705 CLOUSEAU Sportpaleis, Antwerp, Belgium Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2006	209,898 \$8.2M	BE	PSE Belgium
3	\$7,976,089 KYLIE MINOQUE NHN Arena, London Jan. 12-13, 15-16, 18-19, 22-23, 2007	100,072 \$7.9M	UK	3A Entertainment
4	\$7,578,217 KYLIE MINOQUE Hertfordshire Arena, London Jan. 21-22, 24-25, 27-28, 30-31, 2007	78,526 \$7.5M	UK	3A Entertainment
5	\$6,218,819 U2, KANYE WEST Dickson Stadium, Auckland, New Zealand Nov. 24-25, 2006	84,475 \$6.2M	NZ	The Next Adventure, Michael Coppel Presents
6	\$6,096,855 U2 Tokyo Dome, Tokyo, Japan Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2006	57,158 \$6.0M	JP	The Next Adventure, Creative Man
7	\$5,032,475 ELTON JOHN Coliseum at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas Jan. 30-Feb. 23, 2007	44,138 \$5.0M	NV	Caesars Palace, Concerts West/AEG Live
8	\$5,058,962 U2, KANYE WEST ANZ Stadium, Adelaide, Australia Nov. 18, 2006	60,000 \$5.0M	AU	The Next Adventure, Michael Coppel Presents
9	\$4,486,532 U2, PEARL JAM, ROCKO & THE DEVILS Albion Stadium, Honolulu Dec. 1, 2006	45,815 \$4.4M	HI	The Next Adventure, Aiken Enterprises
10	\$4,484,302 BOB SEGER & THE SILVER BULLET BAND, STEVE AZAR Reno of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills, Mich. Nov. 22-23, 25-26, 10, 2006	71,123 \$4.4M	MI	Live Nation, Backroad Productions, Police Sports & Entertainment
11	\$4,381,499 ROD STEWART Madison Square Garden, New York Feb. 6-14, 21, 2007	45,752 \$4.3M	NY	Concerts West/AEG Live
12	\$4,224,034 BILLY JOEL Madison Square Garden, New York Nov. 18, 19, 2006	54,885 \$4.2M	NY	Frontier Touring
13	\$4,041,901 BARRY MANILOW Madison Square Garden, New York Jan. 18-19, 2007	52,222 \$4.0M	NY	The Bowers Presents
14	\$4,017,983 RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS, HAR MAR SUPERSTAR Chase Arena, Sydney April 18-19, 2007	45,329 \$4.0M	AU	Michael Coppel Presents
15	\$3,989,207 RICKY MARTIN Coliseo de Puerto Rico, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico Feb. 9-10, 2007	53,342 \$3.9M	PR	Tony Mojena Entertainment
16	\$3,892,393 AEROSMITH, EVANESCENCE Estadio River Plate, Buenos Aires April 8, 2007	71,871 \$3.8M	AR	CIE
17	\$3,425,806 GEORGE LOPEZ Harris Center, Universal City, Calif. Dec. 21-22, 2006	46,741 \$3.4M	CA	House of Blues Concerts, Tele Entertainment Group, Live Nation
18	\$3,329,062 THE ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND Brascan Theatre, New York Nov. 21-22, 24-25, 27-28, April 13-14, 2007	42,531 \$3.3M	NY	Live Nation
19	\$3,257,969 AEROSMITH Estadio do Maracanã, São Paulo, Brazil April 12, 2007	46,685 \$3.2M	BR	CIE
20	\$3,185,700 ELTON JOHN Coliseum at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas Jan. 6-9, 11-12, 2007	19,387 \$3.1M	NV	Caesars Palace, Concerts West/AEG Live
21	\$3,123,928 GEORGE MICHAEL Point Theatre, Dublin Feb. 9-10, 2007	25,020 \$3.1M	IE	Aiken Promotions
22	\$3,047,108 ROGER WATERS Estadio do Maracanã, São Paulo, Brazil April 24, 2007	42,121 \$3.0M	BR	CIE
23	\$3,003,059 KYLIE MINOQUE American Airlines Arena, Miami Nov. 23-24, 26, 2006	71,657 \$3.0M	FLA	Frontier Touring
24	\$2,962,169 CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S 'DELIRIUM' Harris Center, Universal City, Calif. Nov. 23-24, 2006	31,340 \$2.9M	CA	Live Nation, Cirque du Soleil
25	\$2,828,315 BAMBOOLE FESTIVAL Hollywood Casino, East Rutherford, N.J. May 3-4, 2007	85,100 \$2.8M	NJ	Live Nation, Mack Cruise Entertainment



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1	\$540,060,800	LIVE NATION \$380,978,683	11,526,057	4,341	1,758
2	\$324,286,367	AEG LIVE \$244,087,055	5,113,751	893	419
3	\$59,149,212	CIE \$58,549,012	1,392,318	133	20
4	\$19,362,648	MICHAEL COPPEL PRESENTS \$17,098,347	458,476	25	9
5	\$33,546,500	JA ENTERTAINMENT \$31,950,829	540,008	147	75
6	\$26,743,724	AIKEN PROMOTIONS \$23,757,281	362,582	115	108
7	\$21,040,709	OUTBACK CONCERTS \$13,031,408	518,766	141	100
8	\$20,550,545	JAM PRODUCTIONS \$15,814,688	479,319	215	104
9	\$19,288,382	FANTASMA PRODUCTIONS \$8,960,317	380,090	149	48
10	\$19,067,432	FRONTIER TOURING \$19,067,432	179,781	14	10
11	\$11,228,900	GILLETT ENTERTAINMENT GROUP \$2,456,999	278,968	125	18
12	\$11,221,877	VARNELL ENTERPRISES \$9,213,387	190,382	12	10
13	\$11,086,991	BEAVER PRODUCTIONS \$9,808,066	18,4129	22	14
14	\$10,834,298	FASTLANE CONCERTS n/a	245,409	38	22
15	\$8,565,244	L.M.P. \$8,565,244	286,303	191	89
16	\$8,560,798	ANOTHER PLANET ENTERTAINMENT \$4,688,588	138,128	34	18
17	\$8,109,107	THE BOWERY PRESENTS \$7,871,794	140,895	63	38
18	\$7,900,804	CARDENAS MARKETING NETWORK \$5,627,344	111,336	16	13
19	\$7,857,972	RED MOUNTAIN ENTERTAINMENT \$958,889	188,944	19	13
20	\$7,204,336	POLICE PRODUCTIONS \$3,099,050	10,1662	32	5
21	\$6,312,379	ROPTUS \$5,399,324	128,648	14	5
22	\$6,305,371	BLUE DEUCE ENTERTAINMENT n/a	111,085	13	8
23	\$5,934,679	EMERY ENTERTAINMENT \$4,007,932	100,982	13	2
24	\$5,494,095	METROPOLITAN TALENT PRESENTS \$3,820,122	115,204	87	33
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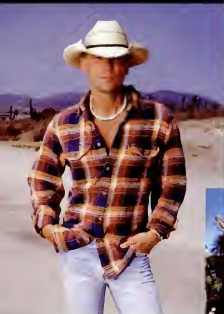
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Rank	GROSS/ Date	ARTIST(S) Venue, City	Attendance	Promoter
1	\$9,494,248 7/1-2/05	THE POLICE, FICTION PLANE Wrigley Field, Chicago, July 5-6	79,458 79,458	The Next Adventure (A Live Nation Company)
2	\$5,451,072 \$388,000/\$33,000	CISCO OTTAWA BLUESFEST Bluefest site, Ottawa, July 1-15	10,243 10,243	In-house
3	\$5,155,733 \$370,850/\$30,233	ROO STEWART The O2 Arena, London, June 30	41,904 41,904	Solo Concerts, Live Nation-U.K.
4	\$5,094,870 1-4/05	THE POLICE, MAROON 5, FICTION PLANE Dorham Stadium, Miami, July 10	46,708 46,708	The Next Adventure (A Live Nation Company)
5	\$4,417,044 \$183,000/\$15,000	ROO STEWART Municipal Auditorium, Des Moines, July 9	35,183 35,183	Solo Concerts, Live Nation-U.K.
6	\$3,999,855 \$30,170/\$10,000	ROO STEWART Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, Wales, July 7	32,891 32,891	Solo Concerts, Live Nation-U.K.
7	\$3,817,126 \$615,000/\$50,000	KENNY CHESNEY, BROOKS & DUNN, SUGARLAND & OTHERS Cleveland Brown Stadium, Cleveland, July 14	49,130 49,130	Cleveland Brown Stadium Co., The Messina Group/AEG Live
8	\$2,722,281 \$440,775/\$30,000	TIM MCGRAW & FAITH HILL United Center, Chicago, July 18-19	25,216 25,216	Live Nation
9	\$2,308,312 \$17,171/17,171	ROO STEWART Ipswich Town Football Club, Ipswich, England, July 5	17,041 17,041	Solo Concerts, Live Nation-U.K.
10	\$2,064,875 \$13,171/\$10,000	THE POLICE, FICTION PLANE St. Pete Times Forum, Tampa, Fla., July 11	18,890 18,890	The Next Adventure (A Live Nation Company)
11	\$1,043,310 \$17,171/17,171	THE POLICE, FICTION PLANE Acc Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn., June 30	17,085 17,085	The Next Adventure (A Live Nation Company)
12	\$1,411,791 \$21,711/21,711	TIM MCGRAW & FAITH HILL Confidential Antares Arena, Fort Belvedere, N.J., July 9	15,586 15,586	Live Nation
13	\$1,399,887 \$138,850/\$10,000	ROGER WATERS PepsiCenter, Indianapolis, Ind., July 23	11,642 11,642	Live Nation
14	\$1,394,640 \$140,000/\$10,000	ROGER WATERS General Motors Forum, Vancouver, June 21	12,678 12,678	Live Nation
15	\$1,386,402 \$14,171/14,171	ROGER WATERS MGM Grand Garden, Las Vegas, June 18	13,145 13,145	Live Nation, Andrew Hewitt Co., In-house
16	\$1,357,056 \$13,000/13,000	ROGER WATERS Orpheum Theatre, Oakland, Calif., June 19	13,008 13,008	Live Nation
17	\$1,297,244 \$162,250/\$10,000	TIM MCGRAW & FAITH HILL Pepsi Center, Denver, Colo., June 18	19,736 19,736	Live Nation
18	\$1,195,129 \$12,171/12,171	ROGER WATERS Vancouver Convention Center, Irvine, Calif., June 15	16,037 16,037	Live Nation
19	\$1,188,949 \$11,171/11,171	KENNY CHESNEY, SUGARLAND, PAT GREEN Cleveland Brown Stadium, Cleveland, Ind., July 12	25,141 25,141	Live Nation, The Messina Group/AEG Live
20	\$1,053,123 \$100,000/\$10,000	MIS CO. WYOMING PepsiCenter, Portland, Ore., July 27	9,710 9,710	Live Nation
21	\$1,091,829 \$10,171/10,171	ROGER WATERS Acc Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn., June 30	14,326 14,326	Live Nation
22	\$1,084,972 \$10,171/10,171	NICKELBACK, DAUGHTRY, STAINED FINGER ELEVEN & OTHERS Clayton M. Harris, Nova Scotia, July 1	23,104 23,104	Glitt Entertainment Group, Sonic Concerts, Live Nation
23	\$1,025,978 \$10,171/10,171	ROGER WATERS Rexel Place, Edmonton, Alberta, June 24	10,854 10,854	Live Nation
24	\$864,784 \$8,171/8,171	ROGER WATERS Grand Canyon, Ontario, N.B., June 29	11,806 11,806	Live Nation, In-house
25	\$834,530 \$8,171/8,171	TIM MCGRAW & FAITH HILL Van Allen, Grand Rapids, Mich., July 12	10,188 10,188	Live Nation
26	\$801,833 \$8,171/8,171	LIONEL RICHIE Coca-Cola Center, Palace, Las Vegas, June 8-9	8,226 8,226	Casualty Release, Concerts West/AEG Live
27	\$626,605 \$6,171/6,171	MICHAEL BUBLE, JANN ARDEN MGM Grand Garden, Las Vegas, July 4	8,166 8,166	Beaver Productions
28	\$573,567 \$5,171/5,171	GWEN STEFANI, LADY SOBEREIGN, AKON First Midwest Bank Amphitheater, Chicago, June 11	21,229 21,229	Live Nation
29	\$571,682 \$5,171/5,171	THE FRAY, MAE, OK GO Twinsburg Center, Mansfield, Mass., June 23	19,194 19,194	Live Nation
30	\$568,660 \$5,171/5,171	CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S 'DELIRIUM' Smyrna Center, Nashville, Tenn., June 17	7,084 7,084	Live Nation, Cirque du Soleil
31	\$546,249 \$5,171/5,171	SIRIS ALDUD University Arena, London, May 26	11,009 11,009	Live Nation-U.K.
32	\$537,188 \$5,171/5,171	CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S 'DELIRIUM' University Gardens, Richmond, Va., June 12-13	7,141 7,141	Live Nation, Cirque du Soleil
33	\$523,640 \$5,171/5,171	TOOL, MELT-BANANA Arena at Gwinnett Center, Oakbrook, Ill., June 4	10,478 10,478	Live Nation
34	\$544,571 \$5,171/5,171	KEITH URBAN, THE WRECKERS United Center, St. Louis, June 28	8,919 8,919	Outback Concerts, Police Productions
35	\$541,176 \$5,171/5,171	TOOL, BIG BUSINESS Bell Center, Montreal, June 9	9,363 9,363	Glitt Entertainment Group, Live Nation

IAAM DUE TO HONOR DUBAY

Arena Pro Makes A Career Move; Billboard Touring Conference & Awards Return To New York

Veteran arena promoter Lionel J. Dubay, longtime director of the Stephen C. O'Connell Center at the University of Florida in Gainesville, has vacated that post to take over as director of business services at U of F. Dubay's new responsibilities will involve overseeing the operational, fiscal, programmatic and administrative activities of seven departments within the business services division (billboard.biz, June 28).

As most members of the International Assn. of Assembly Managers know, Dubay has been at the O'Connell Center for the past 22 years. Prior to coming to Florida, he was director of the Augusta (Maine) Civic Center, a facility he opened in 1972.

During this year's IAAM Annual Conference and Trade Show July 20-24 in Salt Lake City, Dubay will be presented with the IAAM's highest honor, the Charles A. McElwray Award, for his service and contributions to the association and the public-accessibility-facility management profession.

Asked if moving on from O'Connell and arena management was in any way related to Florida's back-to-back basketball NCAA men's championships, Dubay says no. He does, however, admit he has mixed emotions about leaving the arena management business.

"I'm very passionate about the public-assembly management field and IAAM," he says. "I've been doing this for 37 years, so it will be quite a change. On the other hand, I'm excited about the new opportunities, with different elements and things I haven't done before. To be able to do this without leaving Gainesville, who wouldn't want to start a new career at 60?"

Dubay has served IAAM as chairman of numerous committees and boards, as well as president in 2001-02. During his presidency and shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, he appointed the Safety and Security Task Force, bringing together such like-minded industry organizations as the NBA, NHL, NFL, NCAA, IAEM and WCVN to develop a set of safety and security "best practices" for arenas, convention centers, stadiums and performing arts centers (PAC).

Dubay just completed his second term as president of the Florida Facility Managers Assn., which was created to promote and serve Florida's public-accessibility-facility industry. Dubay was one of FFMA's founders.

Privately, over beer, Dubay might admit that Florida's one-point victory over Tennessee in football last year was lucky.

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KINGSTON'S 'BEAUTIFUL' SUMMER

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The person who makes you the happiest can hurt you the most—just ask 17-year-old Sean Kingston. "I was going out with this girl for two years—the most beautiful girl in school—but she cheated on me with my best friend," the Miami-born, Jamaica-bred rapper/songwriter says about his first heartbreak.

The experience, though, served as inspiration for the record-setting, J.R. Rotem-produced "Beautiful Girls," from his self-titled debut, due July 31 via Beluga Heights/Epic Records. The single, which samples Ben E. King's 1961 classic "Stand by Me," entered the Hot 100 Airplay chart in June at No. 58, and in just four weeks jumped to No. 5, the quickest climb by a new male artist since Lou Bega in 1999.

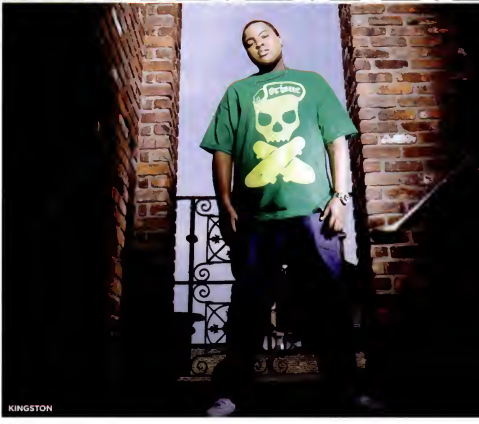
DJ Felli Fel, who first aired the record in May at KPWR (Power 106) Los Angeles, says he knew the song was going to be huge at first listen. "When I received the record through J.R., I immediately called him and said, 'Do you guys know you have a hit in your hands?' It had a familiar sound and the concept, mixed with Sean's vocals, fit the track perfectly. That same night, I blasted the record off."

Kingston, who is the first artist signed to Rotem's Beluga Heights label, was eager to work with the producer that he "wrote a message asking him to check out my music and send it via MySpace. I kept going back and copying and pasting the e-mail and resending it to J.R. three times a day for weeks," he says. "I knew eventually he would have to reply."

Rotem's younger brother Tommy, who manages his page, weeded out Kingston from the many requests and started to correspond with him. "[Tommy] saw the promise in Sean when he first heard him, so he started to work with him, giving him beats and direction so he could present him to me in the best possible light," says Rotem, who produced the executive-produced entire project. "When I heard him, I knew it felt right."

Epic senior VP of marketing, Lee Stimmel says the idea is to get fans as familiar with Kingston's story as possible and to create a visual. "It wasn't just about a rocketing song on radio and ringtones, but how Sean came about, how he found J.R. and how he got his deal," Stimmel says. "So, we put up seven viral videos on his MySpace page and told the story online and did the press."

Kingston, whose grandfather is Bob Marley & the Wailers



producer Jack Ruby, discovered his affinity for music at the age of 10, when he wrote his first song over an Alicia Keys beat. His mother was so impressed that she started to invest in studio time for Kingston. With her support, Kingston spent the next few years penning tracks and recording music, hoping to catch his big break.

"I used to go to different studios, barbershops, skating rinks, flea markets... you name it. I was always ready to show talent and hand out my CDs." But at 14, Kingston experienced the second heartbreak of his young life when his mother was arrested for tax evasion. "I was really close to my mom, and so when she went away it took a big chunk out of me," Kingston says. "My sister stayed with me, but then she also went away for her involvement in my mother's crime." His sister was released after four months, but his mother is still serving time.

Instead of allowing the ordeal to deter him, Kingston, who chooses not to curse in his music ("If a pastor's daughter wants to buy my CD, she'll be able to because I make clean music," he says), used the events to inspire "Prosecutor" in which he accounts his family's court trials.

Other tracks on the album include the Paula DeAnda-

assisted "There's Nothing" and the second single, "Me Love," which samples Led Zeppelin's "Over the Mountain." There's also the reggae version of "Colors 2007," with guest turns by Vybez Cartel and Kardinal Offishal. The original, featuring Rick Ross and the Game, was released last year as a promotional single but will not appear on the album.

Today Kingston is, well, happy. "Beautiful Girls," which will be made available July 24 on iTunes, sits at No. 17 on The Billboard Hot 100 and has sold 593,000 masterpieces through the week ending July 8, according to Nielsen SoundScan. He is also the No. 1 artist on MySpace, with more than 5 million profile views. In addition, Kingston has launched an online clothing store with MerchDirect, and is offering a free download of "Beautiful Girls," which will be featured as a promo for the next season of ABC's "Desperate Housewives," with every purchase.

"Some artists are a vehicle for their songs, but the thing about Sean is that he is truly a hybrid artist," Rotem says. "He's not just a rapper, he's not just an R&B singer, he's something beyond that. His style and voice are so unique and he's got this pure heart that comes through the music."

BUZZ

>>> HERE COMES CARRIE
"American Idol" star Carrie Underwood has penciled in an Oct. 23 release date for her sophomore 19 Recordings/Arista album, which is currently untitled. Production is supplied by Mark Bright, who was behind the boards for seven tracks on Underwood's hit 2005 debut, "Some Hearts." "I really, really like being a part of country music—and hopefully they like having me—so I don't have any intentions of trying anything else," she told *Billboard* earlier this year.

—Jonathan Cohen

>>> IT'S GOOD TO BE QUEEN
Stevie Wonder, Erykah Badu and Jill Scott are among the guests on Queen Latifah's second album for Verve, "Trav'lin' Light." Due Sept. 25, the project was co-produced by Tommy LiPuma and Geffen Records chairman Ron Fair. The album finds Latifah performing songs associated with such vocalists as Peggy Lee, Nina Simone, Roberta Flack, Bobbie Short, Etta James, Sarah Vaughan and Carmen McRae, among others.

—Jonathan Cohen

>>> ACCENTUATE THE 'NEGATIVE'
Seether is in a Los Angeles studio with producer Howard Benson finishing its next album, "Finding Beauty in Negative Spaces." The set is due Oct. 23 via Wind-up. "The point was to try and explore the poppier side of the band," frontman Shaun Morgan says. "Having said that, when we explored the heavier side of the band too. It's an album of extremes, or oxymorons, in a way."

—Jonathan Cohen

>>> GENESIS ON FILM
There's no new music in the offing, but that's not keeping Genesis from planning a parade of product in fourth-quarter 2007. That will include a box set and probably a DVD and live album taped July 14 at the Circo Massimo in Rome, the last European show of the band's Turn It On Again tour. —Gary Graff

ROCK BY JEFF VRABEL



BEN HARPER & THE INNOCENT CRIMINALS

Soul Patrol

Harper Goes Back To Basics With Sound-Check-Inspired Album

Technically speaking, Ben Harper's new record, "Lifeline," due Aug. 28 on Virgin, was recorded during a single live week in the artist's Paris home base. But it was truly born during two months' worth of sound checks on a European tour by Harper and his band the Innocent Criminals.

"It all hit me in a split second," Harper says. He explains that he was "basically tired of mundane sound checks. We were at the end of an eight-month run, about to start a two-month tour, and I thought, 'We own our own sound system, amps, speakers—everything you want when you're bringing music to life. But when you get to sound check, you're playing the same material. This can't stand.'"

So Harper and his band hatched a plan: Each member would come to sound check with song ideas that he would refine before the show. "The operative term was 'acoustic soul,'" Harper says of the record's framework. "Soul" meaning anything from Motown to Blind Willie Johnson. And we said, 'What do you got? Throw it out.'"

Post-tour, the band unloaded directly into Studio Gan in Paris, where it recorded "Lifeline" with enviable efficiency. "It's always been a dream of mine to make a record in Paris," Harper says. "And it's been a lifelong ambition to record right off the road—to get that raw,

nasty sort of dazed, lethargic emotional release from the end of a tour on a record."

One could argue Harper's history casts him as the missing link between man and mixtape; previous albums, especially 2006's double-header "Both Sides of the Gun" and 2003's "Diamonds on the Inside," were as likely to find him digging around in groove rock as much as flight-worthy anthems and rubbery funk. (A 2004 album with the Blind Boys of Alabama indulged his gospel interests as well.)

But "Lifeline" finds Harper and his Innocent Criminals—drummer Oliver Charles, percussionist Leon Mobley, bassist Juan Nelson, guitarist Michael Ward and keyboardist Jason Yates—at their most thematically united. Though there are rascals of gravel-road blues ("Needed You Tonight"), gospel ("Say You Will"), soulful anthems ("Heart of Matters") and subtle but sharp calls to arms ("Flight Outta You"), there's a certain organic unity to his sound.

As befitting his workmanlike reputation, Harper will spend much of the rest of 2007 bringing "Lifeline" to the road. Such a work ethic makes marketing the record easier, according to Capitol Music Group VP of marketing Dan Cohen. "Ben's always going to be touring his ass off," Cohen says, adding that the record may also open up

Harper to new audiences. "We're not ignoring his core audience, and we'll pay a lot of attention to indie retail and indie online marketing. But we're definitely cognizant that this record has a really good shot at appealing to an adult audience."

Harper has already recorded an edition of XM Satellite Radio's "Artist Confidential" series (which will appear as a DVD bonus on a special edition of "Lifeline"), an episode of Sirius Satellite Radio's "World Cafe" and performed a live session at National Geographic Studios in Washington, D.C. Videos have already been shot for the record's first two singles, "Flight Outta You" and "In the Colors," both helmed by Chris and Emmet Malloy. And in keeping with his longstanding environmental activism, Harper will release all versions of "Lifeline" in 100% recycled packaging.

This summer, the artist will play a handful of U.S. festivals, including Lollapalooza Aug. 3 in Chicago and the Virgin Festival in Baltimore the following day. In the fall, he and the Innocent Criminals will descend on specially chosen theaters.

"We're trying to choose the right theaters across the country, like Radio City Music Hall," Harper says. "We've searched for specifically sitdown theaters for a show that will focus in and around 'Lifeline' and songs that sort of share a similar style from the catalog." —

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Management Moves

Hip-Hop And R&B Acts Swap Out And Augment Their Teams

In the last few months, I've noticed a trend of managerial changes in the hip-hop and R&B worlds. Now you can say that this is nothing more than a random collection of unrelated events, or you could say that these artists believe they are poised for a much larger platform than what they're experiencing now. I'm thinking the latter and predicting that all these folks are preparing for something big. So good luck to them: Few boards are closer than those between managers and their artists.

Unfortunately, as with the split between Roc-A-Fella Records' Jay-Z and Damon Dash, some such unions fizzle publicly. Most recently, Atlantic's platinum rapper Young Jeezy traded his manager of seven years, Coach K, for his longtime friend and Corporate Thugz Entertainment president Kinky B. Working together, Coach and Jeezy created two platinum albums in "Let's Get It Thug Motivation 101" and "The Inspiration: Thug Motivation 102." At press time, Jeezy nor Coach K would comment on their split. And while Kinky B. also refused to discuss the catalyst for the new arrangement, he did say, "Jeezy and I are like brothers. It's more than just business. This is no fly-by-night ship. We met while we were locked up together in boot camp back in the '90s, and we've been together over 15 years." In addition to Young Jeezy, Kinky B. also manages CTEC's Slick-Pol, the group U.S.D.A., Universal Records artist Sinitette and

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Dempsey's 'Barbados' Tale

Songwriter Strikes Gold Again With New Album

Irish troubadour Damien Dempsey is known for dealing with controversial topics in his songs, and he continues this trend on "To Hell or Barbados."

The title track of the Dubliner's fourth studio album tells the little-known tale of the 50,000 Irish people who were exiled to the Caribbean island in the 17th century to work as slaves by Oliver Cromwell after the British conquest of Ireland. Produced by John Reynolds (Slinked O'), Connor, Hothouse Flowers), the song's BMG set is the follow-up to last year's top 10 concert album "Live at the Olympia."

"Barbados" entered the IRMA chart at No. 2 after its June 1 release and is nearing platinum status (15,000 units).

The album was released June 18 in the United Kingdom on IRL (distributed by Pinnacle), and has landed in various international territories including the United States, Canada and Australia. In support of the set, Fleming Artists has booked Dempsey's U.S. tour dates: Aug. 10-18 and Sept. 15-24—while Free Trade Agency has booked U.K. dates in mid-October. An Irish tour will follow, while Australian dates are being finalized for early 2008.

"Barbados" is published by the artist's own Northside Songs and administered by Bug Music. Dempsey is managed by London-based Spirit Management. —Nick Kelly

"TURTLE RACES: Christophe Willem, the 2006 winner of



YOUNG JEEZY

songsstress London.

Meanwhile, a few other artists who have either switched or augmented their management teams within the last few months include Lil Wayne. Keeping his longtime manager **Cortez Bryant**, Wayne added **Chris Brown's** manager, **Tina Davis**, to his support staff in the wake of his critically acclaimed album "The Carter, Vol. 2" and renegotiated his Universal Records contract. Then, several months later, the rapper traded Davis' co-management duties for **Kanye West's** management team Hip Hop Since 1978. **Pitbull** also kept his main manager, **Big Teach**, and recently enlisted **Charles Chavez** as co-manager to act as a label liaison and guide the release of his upcoming album, "The Boatlift." Chavez is founder/president of Latium Entertainment, and also manages Latin crooner **Frankie J**, MC **Baby Bash** and **Chamillionaire**.

Saigon is another artist who boasted both the career guidance of Hip Hop Since 1978 and producer **Just Blaze's** Fort Knox Entertainment until recently when he added **Violator Management** to his team. This announcement came after Saigon voiced displeasure with Atlantic Records, Just Blaze and his album's continual postponement via his MySpace page. Just Blaze responded afterward, and both men have since apologized.

Meanwhile, **Marlo** is the only major R&B artist who has switched his management lately. After selling 3 million records, the singer filed a complaint saying he'd only received \$50,000 under his management contract with **Troy Patterson** and **Patterson's Third Street Music Group**, and sued Third Street to void an "oppressive" production deal. But Marlo's dispute was settled earlier this year, and he's now managed by **J. Erving** of **J. Erving Group**.

STOP THE VIOLENCE: Warner Music Group is teaming with national anti-gang organization **Amnesty/Unity One Foundation** for Social Change and industry veteran **Stan Sheppard** to stop Los Angeles gang violence. The collective will release a compilation CD, "Banging... The Big Lie... Pain, Pride, & Destruction," in September that features new music from **Akon**, **Lil Wayne**, **Snoop Dogg**, **Bone Thugs-N-Harmony**, **Kurupt** and **Ice Cube**. All of the album's revenue goes to the foundation, and several other compilations are in the works. "Banging" will soon kick off with three simultaneous singles: "What We Goin On" by **Snoop Dogg & Akon**, "Get Off Me" by **Kurupt** and "The Ghetto" by **Lil Wayne**. ***

France's reality TV show "Nouvelle Star," has been anything but slow out of the blocks with his debut album, "Inventaire."

Nicknamed "Turtle" for his peculiar appearance, the 23-year-old singer's **Vogue/Sony BMG** set shipped 82,500 physical copies and sold roughly 3,000 downloads in the week of its April 16 release, the best opening for any album in France during 2007.

"This is the first time an album out of Nouvelle Star has been No. 1," **Vogue** managing director **Pierre Mallon** says.

The pop/disco album, which features collaborations with such unconventional artists as **Philip Katerine**, **Zazie**, **Bertrand Burgalat** and **Gonzales**, remained atop the French albums chart for four weeks and peaked at No. 12 on the European Top 100 Albums chart.

The set has since been certified double-platinum (400,000 units), and has reached gold certification in Belgium (10,000) and Switzerland (15,000).

Mallon anticipates "Inventaire" to become the best-selling "Nouvelle Star" release, overtaking the 550,000 copies shipped by **Amel Bent's** 2005 release "Un Jour D'été" (Sony BMG). A deal is being negotiated for a German release, with "other countries to come," Mallon says.

Jean-Claude Camus Production has booked a tour for France, Belgium and Switzerland for late 2007 and early 2008.

William is managed by **19 Management**.

—Alymer Pichevin

GRANDI SUCCESS: Italy's **Irene Grandi** is proving wrong the organizers of the flagship national Sanremo Festival. The multigenre artist's song "Bruci la Città" is shaping up to be a local winner, despite failing to make the grade for the 57th annual songwriting extravaganza, which concluded in March.

A No. 1 airplay hit, the song opened at No. 2 on the May 28 Italian singles chart. Warner Music Italy president/CEO **Massimo Giuliano** describes "Bruci la Città" as "the hit song of the summer," and says it has been the "driving force" behind her latest album, "Irene Grandi Hits" (Atlantic). The double-CD set opened at No. 4 in May and has been certified gold (40,000 copies).

Grandi's eighth album combines hits from a recording career that began in 1994, plus covers, some rerecordings of her own works and previously unreleased tracks.

Grandi is published by **Warner/Chappell** and booked by **Roberto de Luca** of **Milano Concerti/Live Nation**.

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Jazz Notes

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Sound And Vision

New York Fest Showcases New Dixon Ensemble Piece

A fringe malnasty of jazz since the late '50s and '60s, the avant-garde movement these days too often veers from the cutting edge into a recycling spin. Instead of expressing a bold improvisational departure from the norm, the playing oftentimes serves as an excuse to blow free, without melodic parameters. Many so-called avant proponents also seem to purposefully treat the marginalized music as a cerebral exercise detached from emotion.

Then there are the forward-bound creators who meld thinking and feeling into an artistic expression that may be challenging to sonically digest but ultimately rewarding in its nutritional

upon wave of instrumental tension and release.

In what could easily serve as the soundtrack to a twisted thriller, the music roared, then quieted; churned and rested; enthralled and frightened. While Dixon built the crescendos by urging the band on with hand motions for most of the evening, he took the spotlight for a compelling trumpet solo toward the conclusion of the piece that conjured images of crowded daylight avenues and desolate midnight streets.

The performance was recorded, and will be released by **Art for Art**, the nonprofit that produced the festival, and distributed by **Alto** Fidelity in fourth-quarter 2007. Other live **Vision**



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value. It's this kind of avant-gardism that is rewarded and showcased annually at New York's **Vision Festival**, which celebrated its 12th season June 19-24 with an extravaganza of musicians whose works, as the event organizers rightfully boast, "demonstrate a disciplined regard for traditional boundaries."

The highlight of this year's edition, which rightly packed the 600-capacity **Angel Orensanz** Foundation cultural center on Manhattan's Lower East Side, was the appearance of legendary trumpeter **Bill Dixon**, who in 1964 presented six New York concerts, called the **October Revolution** in jazz, that catapulted the avant-garde advance in the city as well as the jazz world at large. On June 20 **Vision Festival** XII awarded the 81-year-old composer with its lifetime achievement recognition and premiered his new work for the 17-piece **Sound Vision Orchestra** that had commissioned.

For the hour-long untitled piece, Dixon conducted the ensemble (including such unusual instrumentation as bassoon, tuba and bass clarinet) with a flourish. While there was no swing and only glimpses of blues and traces of melody, the performance ebbed and flowed with an intrinsic rhythm punctuated by earnest whinnies and squeals, saxophone growls, long-toned drones and crosshatched cacophony, amid wave

Fest XII recordings, scheduled for release late this year or early next, include bassist **William Parker's** "Double Sunrise/Over Neptune" and trumpeter **Roy Campbell's** "Athenian Suite." Both are newly commissioned works by the festival in association with the New York State Music Fund, which granted **Art for Art** a portion of the 2006 major-label payouts settlement.

AUDIM FIDELITY owner Steven Joerg, who has long championed avant-garde music with his label's releases (including the recently issued **Dave S. Ware Quartet CD**, "Renunciation," recorded at last year's **Vision Festival**), also serves as jazz programming manager at **Urge**, MTV Network's digital music download service. He spearheaded the co-sponsorship of **Vision Fest's** opening-night performance by **Urge Nights**, a home-page feature that showcases different genres of music each month at **urge.com**.

"Having **Vision Fest** on the front page of **Urge** gives it a lot of attention and drives listeners to the music available on the site," Joerg says. "There's also a history of the festival, a celebrity playlist/interview with [guitarist] **Marc Ribot**, playlistists related to **William Parker** and [late violinist] **Leroy Jenkins**, and exclusive digital downloads of two **Vision Festival** compilation albums, from 1997 and 2003." ***



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Summer Clubbin'

Hot New Tunes, Superstar Live Shows Energize Dance Music World

From commercial to underground, vintage disco to arena trance, dance is already having a great summer.

New York label Nervous revived hope for the energetic-yet-soulful vocal with the infectious single "Feel Together" by **Ben Macklin**. **Speakerbox**—a collective of dance veterans including **Anton Bass**, **Sted-E** and **Anthony Fonseca**—brought on fetching vocalist **Michelle Shapiro** for "Time" (Trackworks), a proper summer bop with legs, thanks to countless remixes.

Broadway star **Idina Menzel** rerecorded her "Wicked" hit "Defying Gravity" (Reprise) for a pop audience, then **Eddie Baez** and **Tracy Young** remixed it into the perfect anthem for Gay Pride season. Speaking of, **Junior Vasquez** revisited 1996 with an epic remix of **Angelle Kidjo's** "Sala" (Razor & Tie). For extra nostalgia, the limited edition version of **Garbage's** new best-of, "Absolute Garbage" (Almo Sounds), features a second CD devoted to remixes (all but edited ones). From **Todd Terry's** "Sinful Girl" to **Roger Sanchez's** "Cherry Lips," the band continually brought the best out of dance's best producers. Not one of the 13 tracks is a throwaway.

Techno pioneer **Richie Hawtin's** Minus label released an elegantly packaged, double-CD best-of called—in very Halo 8-era **Nine Inch Nails**-style—"Nothing Much." For known acts, the format can be artistically bereft, but for dance labels with a slew of small single releases, it's functional. The set features tracks from **Locodice**, **Madga** and **False**, one of **Matthew Dear's** many pen names. As himself, Dear put out the surprisingly song-oriented "Ass Breed" (Ghostly) in early June; a techno-traveler's confessional road diary that owes as much to **Jay Division** as it does to Hawtin.

Newcomer **Kathy Diamond** has the summer's cult hit with "Miss Diamond to You" (Permanent Vacation UK), produced by **Maurice Fulton**. The full-length import of amazing, arid disco captures the moment when

Andrea True Connection coexisted with **ESQ**. The segue from "Moment" into album stand-out "Over" is better than those on most DJ-mixed compilations.

Meanwhile, big acts are doing their trickle-down part by staging suitably big shows. The kings of trance—DJ/producers **Tiesto** and **Paul Van Dyk**—are both in the midst of album-supporting international tours that hit concert venues and nightclubs. And they're giving more to attendees than just glowsticks for sale. **Blue Man Group** is joining Tiesto on some dates, including two recent shows at New York's Hammerstein Ballroom. Van Dyk's tour features appearances from his new album collaborators, including **Pussycat Doll Jessica Sutta** (who sang on first single "White Lies"), and will peak with an Aug. 17-18 stand at New York's Central Park Summerstage.

Legacy acts **Daft Punk** and **Underworld**—arguably the first, and undoubtedly the best, to adapt electronic music into an engaging live format—are also touring America, but limitedly: Daft Punk is playing seven shows, and Underworld only three. Fellow pioneering live act the **Chemical Brothers** haven't gotten their show on the road yet. But new album "We Are the Night" (Astralwerks) is their best ever. Its release on July 17 was part of EMI's first digital rights management-free batch.

However, the album of the summer—for its newness, its joy, its fortunate disconnection from the usual suspects—belongs to **Mark Ronson**. On "Version" (A&R/RCA), the former New York party jock infuses across-the-board modern classics with dance as an activity, rather than a style. What Ronson (and spot-on vocalist **Daniel Merriweather**) does with the **Smiths** and the **Supremes** on "Stop Me" is what great DJs have done on after-hours dancefloors for years. He has single-handedly changed the meaning of "DJ/producer"—or perhaps just defined it for a wider audience. Which just might change everything.

DAFT PUNK



BY MOLLY BROWN

Desert Rock

UNKLE Returns With A New Sound, Label And Plan For 'War'

In a dark, underground bar on New York's Lower East Side, James Lavelle politely, yet wearily, greets industry folk at a listening party. The mastermind behind the DJ/rock collective UNKLE seems withdrawn—and exhausted—after shaking hands all day.

It's no surprise the spotlight doesn't appear to suit Lavelle. As UNKLE, he's pulled together three albums behind the scenes "Oz" style, integrating the sounds of some of the decade's most fascinating artists into his work.

Now, Lavelle is revving up interest for UNKLE's third album, "War Stories," out July 24 in North America via his new label, Surrender All. After years with majors, most recently Island in the United Kingdom, the founder of the now-defunct Mo' Wax label is glad to be back on his own. "I wanted complete control," Lavelle says. "I had seemed disasters working with majors over the last 20 years. I have the best time working on my own."



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Feline Science

Indie Rapper Medusa Stands Strong

The slim rappers of female rappers (Billboard, June 8) poses no obstacle for Los Angeles underground queen Medusa. Alternately pegged the **Angels Davis** or the **High Priestess** of hip-hop, the MC/singer declares 2007 is her year. And that it's time for the music industry to change.

"The old-boy network is hard to crack," she admits. "Many feel if it's not broke, don't fix it. But the industry needs to be broken down at least and rebuilt. Threatened by the indie world of the Internet, everyone is being forced to look at things in a different light."

That light is reflected in the creative beacon Medusa has unfailingly waved for the last 15 years. Honing her style at such local L.A. spots as the **Good Life Cafe** and **Lelent Park's** "Project Blowed" workshop, Medusa came up alongside such marquee names as the **Black Eyed Peas** and **Macy Gray**.

She has since opened for the likes of **KRS-**

One, **Common**, **Dilated Peoples** and **Erykah Badu**. Medusa also produced the film score and soundtrack to "Gridlock'd" featuring **Tupac Shakur** and wrote, produced and performed "My Momma Raised a G" for HBO's "Stranger Inside."

Her first release, the EP "Do It the Way You Feel It" (Goodvibe, 1999), cemented Medusa's local fan base and earned more admirers overseas. The title also doubles as her creative mantra. Backed by her live band **Feline Science**, Medusa is a revolutionary force to be reckoned with, whether she's in soul-singing or freestyle mode. Backed by music you can't help but move to (a la the funky beats of a **Sly Stone** and **James Brown**), Medusa also slaps you upside your head with substantive lyrics that hark back to such message-bearing and musically attuned practitioners as **Gil Scott-Heron**, **Chuck D** and **Laurn Hill**.

Medusa's keep-it-real approach is an integral part of a musical philosophy she also dubs



Recorded in the Joshua Tree desert, "War Stories" had production help from Richard File and Queens of the Stone Age producer Chris Goss. They started from scratch and left the desert with 35 songs. Fourteen made the album, which features QOTSA's Josh Homme, Massive Attack's 3D and the Cult's Ian Astbury on vocals.

Unlike its predecessors, the instrumentals on "War Stories" are mostly live, a change that delivers an expansive psychedelic charge. "The goal was to set out a different record, which was more organic," Lavelle says. "I wanted to do something completely different from the beginning."

Lavelle is hoping to recapture the fans who bought UNKLE's 1998 debut, "Psyence Fiction," which has sold 154,000 copies in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan. Its follow-up, "Never, Never, Land," (2003) moved only 29,000.

"We actually think there's an old audience that knows who he is and a new audience who's going to be really interested in his history," says Dave Gottlieb, head of Death or Glory, the management/marketing firm acting as U.S. label rep for Surrender All. "A lot of it is going to be an education process between emphasizing how good the songs are to multiple packaging elements."

"War Stories" will include a 32-page book of original artwork, while a limited-edition package will have a 50-page book plus two CDs (in-

cluding an instrumental version) that will retail for \$21.98. The album will be marketed and sold by Red Ink, a division of RED Distribution in the States, and via Vital in the United Kingdom.

"The coolest thing with the limited-edition packaging is that it's a primary way to activate the hardcore fans," Red Ink product manager Andy Lewis says. "It's not just talking the fan b&b, but giving them compelling product at a good price."

Gottlieb says they will plant tracks on key, to-be-determined Web sites and offer a complete-your-album deal with digital stores, including iTunes, Rhapsody, Zune and others. A four-song EP was released June 22, with a special offer to buy "War Stories" upon release.

Licensing the music for commercial use and working it into other projects under the Surrender umbrella will also be vital to create awareness. Lavelle has a clothing line, with a store in Singapore and retail space planned for a to-be-named U.K. retailer. And a Johnny Walker virtual billboard, with sound and visuals, is planned for New York.

In another first, Lavelle will take "War" on the road with a full band. UNKLE will tour Japan and Europe this summer, with North American dates likely starting in October.

"It's going to be a very mad time," Lavelle says. "We're going serious now. Finally, after 15 years."



HARRIS

POP BY MIKAEL WOOD

Try Every Avenue

Star Songwriter Jesse Harris Keeps His Portfolio Diversified

New York-based singer/songwriter Jesse Harris insists he has no problem with the fact that the majority of folks who recognize his name know him as the guy who wrote "Don't Know Why," the Grammy Award-winning smash from Norah Jones' 2002 debut.

"The only time I'm not comfortable with it," Harris says, "is when I'm performing somewhere and I see people walk in and I get the sense that they're expecting to have some Norah Jones-type experience, which isn't really what I do," he says with a laugh. "It's like being on a weird blind date and I'm not the guy they expected."

Harris might overestimate the difference between Jones' experience and his own. Like the queen of Starbucks soul, he specializes in lightly jazzy, soft-focus folk-pop ballads that exercise an old-school devotion to the nuts and bolts of the songwriter's craft. But it's easy to see why Harris keeps trumpeting listeners' expectations: He has made a career out of refusing to stay in one place for long, complementing his own records with a long list of writing, producing and playing credits with acts as diverse as Bright Eyes and Lizzy Wright.

This summer Harris makes two additions to his résumé. First, on July 10, he released his latest solo disc, "Feel," the follow-up to his self-released 2006 effort, "Mineral." Then, on Aug. 7, Hickory Records will issue the soundtrack to Ethan Hawke's film "The Hotest State," for which such singers as Jones, Willie Nelson, Emmylou Harris and Feist recorded new versions of Harris' songs.

The release of "Feel" introduces Harris' new relationship with Velour Recordings, the New York indie that's also home to acoustic guitar whiz Kaki King and organ-jazz group Soulive. Label co-founder Sean Hoess says the album, which Harris shopped to Hoess and partner Jeff Krassno in nearly completed form, reminds him of Paul Simon's early solo work.

"This is a pop record," Hoess says, "a little more mainstream than what Jesse's done in the past. I think it's one of those records that could appeal to college-age kids all the way up to people in their 50s and 60s. It's incredibly easy to love."

What's harder, Hoess says, is providing people with the opportunity to love it. (To date, "Mineral" has sold over 2,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan, while its Verve-released predecessor, 2004's "While

the Music Lasts," has sold 6,000.) Converting Harris' behind-the-scenes bona fides into front-and-center star power, Hoess says, is one of Velour's principal goals for "Feel." The label has hired Folter to do online marketing and Music Allies to work "Feel" at radio, where Hoess says the strategy is to "build things on the noncommercial side as much as we can, then find commercial supporters in August and September." MySpace, YouTube and free MP3 downloads also figure into the campaign. "It's a matter of seeing what sticks," Hoess says.

Harris' manager, Bob Andrews, says that his client could benefit in a huge way from touring. "But Jesse's so busy with other stuff that that's kind of a challenge to get him out on the road," Andrews says, adding that Harris "hardly toured 'Mineral' at all because he was so busy working on 'The Hottest State.'" Still, he feels the soundtrack to Hawke's film—which Harris compares to the scrappy, dorm-room flicky imprint earlier this year to release the debut album by "American Idol" runner-up Elliott Yamin. ("The Hottest State" soundtrack is the label's second release.)

Danny Strick, president of Sony/ATV Music Publishing (which publishes Harris' songs), wouldn't mind if the artist inhabited that world a little longer.

"Our model here on the label side is tuned around us having the copyrights of our artists' songs," says Strick, who revived the long-dormant Hickory imprint earlier this year to release the debut album by "American Idol" runner-up Elliott Yamin. ("The Hottest State" soundtrack is the label's second release.) "We're not looking to sign some of our writers and break them as artists," Strick says. "But we'll support them in those efforts as they present themselves."

For his part, Harris says his idea is "to try every possible avenue" when it comes to raising his profile. But he also says that in the current music industry atmosphere, his dabbler's approach seems to offer the highest degree of job security.

"The competition is stiffer than it's ever been, and the business is in the worst slump it's ever been in," he says. "The combination of those two things is kind of bleak. I think if I were John Mayer, it'd make sense for me to focus on my own thing as much as possible. But in lieu of a situation like that, it's better and more gratifying to do a little of everything."

"feline science." That thought process about love and life is cunningly revealed in the forthcoming single "This Pussy's a Gangsta." Not to be written off as another rap song dishing up sexually explicit lyrics for a quick notoriety fix, the track is about females who sometimes misuse their sexual appeal to get what they want rather than getting acquainted with a man on a mental and spiritual level. "It's this kind of emotional subject matter, Medusa asserts, that's behind the lack of female rappers. 'The reality is you have only the youth and a male perspective [in hip-hop]. It's very much, 'I want to party, and other basics,' she says. 'A woman's approach is going to be a little more emotional, coming from a space men don't like to speak from.



MEDUSA

music," she adds. "There's a lack of connection with the male and female energy. My music speaks to that space and healing process."

Collaborating with producer Solemnity and artist Big Mezz—both of Hushie House—Medusa is recording "Bonnie & Clyde" (drooping before the end of the year, the album will be preceded by the August release of "This Pussy's a Gangsta." Medusa's next solo album, "Gangsta Goddess," is slated for early '08.

Though a major-label deal has eluded her, the two-time winner of LA Weekly's best hip-hop artists' award remains undaunted.

"I've heard that some major-label folks think I'm dope, but no one has sat down with me in the past, and I didn't reach out much from my side," she says. "I've continued to be the artist I am. I'm seasoned now and ready to serve everybody with it."

As I Stay Touring

San Diego Metalcore Band Picks Up Fans On The Road

When As I Lay Dying releases its new album *Aug. 21*, the band will promote the record the same way it has been building its fan base: on the road. The San Diego metalcore band has toured Europe this month, and the Aug. 4 kickoff of the Vans Warped outing dovetails with the street date of *An Ocean Between Us*. "Dates for a September headlining run in Europe were also recently announced."

"Most bands go on a big promotional tour and play only the biggest cities. We would play all the cities we could, even the smallest cities where there would only be 50, 100 people there," singer Tim Lambesis recalls of the band's early days. "We'd play pretty much anywhere, and we never really stopped touring for about two years before [2005 album] *Shadows Are Security* came out."

When Lambesis says "anywhere," he's not kidding. The band played places as unorthodox as a fan's basement in Cincinnati and a woodshead in an Oregon backyard—fine with them, if it meant getting heard.

That work ethic helped As I Lay Dying land a spot on treks like Ozfest and led *Shadows Are Security* to become the band's breakout record. Though AILD has been together since only 2001, its catalog already includes four studio albums and a split-EP.

"We sold about 1,000 records the first week on our first record on Metal Blade," Lambesis says of 2003's *"Frail Worlds Collapse"*—a figure Nielsen SoundScan confirms. "When *Shadows Are Security* came out we sold almost 34,000 the first week, so it was quite a big jump between records." So far, *Shadows Are Security* has sold 263,000 units, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Metal Blade VP of marketing Dan Fitzgerald calls *An Ocean Between Us* a career-defining moment for AILD. "We feel very confident with the choices that [the band is] making and the choices that we're making will take them beyond where they currently are," Fitzgerald says, pointing out that AILD is "an extreme band that doesn't

get any radio play, that purely gets all of its exposure by Internet and touring."

Metal Blade, Fitzgerald says, sticks with promotion methods that flourish naturally instead of trying to force success through means that are better suited to major labels. For example, he says the label hasn't pushed to broaden its commercial-radio reach since it's difficult for Metal Blade bands to cross over to that medium. However, "We've learned in the last five years with bands like Lamb of God and Killswitch Engage that go on regular network TV, whether it's [Jimmy Kimmel Live] or [Late Night With Conan O'Brien], there's absolutely a viable audience for it."

For AILD, one promotion in the works is an online contest that will launch the weekend before the album's first state. Fans can submit a video of themselves asking the band any question they want. The label will pick 20 of them; then, during a live webcast, each video will be played, and the band will answer the questions, result-

ing in a virtual interview conducted by fans.

Lambesis says the band will shoot a video for the album's first single, which he anticipates will be "Nothing Left." And in general, he describes *An Ocean Between Us* "as much more diverse than its predecessor." He just decided to write whatever came to mind, and if that was influenced by darker sounds, then that was fine, and if there wasn't as much melody on certain songs, then that was OK. Lambesis says. "The other songs I think are maybe even more

melodic than our past record. So it's more diverse in general, but I'd say that also it's quite a bit faster-paced."

Lambesis says that, unlike most other indie metal labels, Metal Blade looks at bands "as a catalog as opposed to just [for] like one hit record." He points to Cannibal Corpse as an example. Although the band has never had a gold record, its has sold 729,000 albums in the States in the SoundScan era.

Metal Blade, president Mike Foley says, ensures that long-term vision by carefully plan-

ning each phase of a band's career. So in mapping out a strategy, Foley explains, it's not a case of "just [creating] a beginning game plan and that's going to be for a band. You might have two, three and four different phases of that plan."

"Whether it be a band on its first record trying to build it up and create an awareness, he continues, "or it could be a band like As I Lay Dying where you're talking 250,000-plus records being sold, we're still going to sit down and plan this thing out for the next 15 months." —CT



AS I LAY DYING

METAL BLADE'S HEAVY SLATE

Metal Blade's summer release slate contains priority albums by legends and rising stars alike. But that has pretty much been business as usual since the metal label opened 25 years ago.

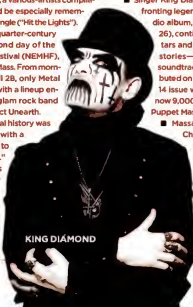
Founder Brian Slagel was working at California's Oz Records when he launched the label in his garage. And at the time, he did not know that acts like Armored Saint, Slayer, Cannibal Corpse and the dissolution of Conformity would become genre icons, or that Metal Blade's inaugural release, a various-artists compilation called "Metal Massacre," would be especially remembered for containing Metallica's first single ("Hit the Lights").

In April, the label celebrated its quarter-century milestone by taking over the second day of the New England Metal & Hardcore Festival (NEMHF), held at the Palladium in Worcester, Mass. From morning till well past midnight on April 28, only Metal Blade bands played both stages, with a lineup encompassing everyone from '80s glam rock band Lizzy Borden to rising metalcore act Unearth.

When asked if he knew that metal history was brewing in the 1980s, Slagel says with a chuckle, "I had no idea. I just wanted to put out records by bands that I liked."

He's less naïve now. And albums Metal Blade is working are definitely leaving a mark. Besides As I Lay Dying's *An Ocean Between Us* (set for release on Aug. 21), four other Metal Blade acts are earmarked as priorities:

■ Aggressive death metal group



KING DIAMOND

Job for a Cowboy is the new kid on the block. Slagel signed the Arizona band on the strength of its merch sales, MySpace hits (3.6 million) and sellout shows. It lived up to the hype surrounding its May 15 debut, "Genesis." The concept album bowed at No. 54 on The Billboard 200, sold 13,000 in its first week and has moved 33,000 so far, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

■ Singer King Diamond went solo in the mid-'80s after fronting legendary band Mercyful Fate. His 12th studio album, "Give Me Your Soul... Please" (June 26), continues his tradition of using dual guitar stories and his falsetto voice to tell supernatural tales—think of hearing a horror novel as a soundtrack. "Give Me Your Soul... Please" debuted on The Billboard 200 at No. 174 in the July 14 issue with 4,000 copies sold; total sales are now 8,000. King's last studio album, 2003's *"The Puppet Master,"* has sold 28,000 copies.

■ Massachusetts deathcore group The Red Chord is following up its successful 2005 concept record "Clients" (\$4,000 copies sold) with "Pray for Eyes." The band embarked on a headlining tour this month with such guests as Despised Icon, All Shall Perish and Genghis Tron to support the record, which will arrive July 24.

■ Like the Red Chord, death metal/thrash band The Black Dahlia Murder is another developing act that

has established a strong following through touring. It will play European music festivals in August to set up the Sept. 18 release of new album "Nocturnal." The group's 2005 set, "Hissma," has sold 70,000 copies.

All product that Metal Blade puts out this year will bear a 25th-anniversary logo. To capitalize on the milestone, the NEMHF was filmed for a DVD that will be released later this year, according to VP of marketing Dan Fitzgerald. MTV also covered the celebration on a special edition of "Headbanger's Ball" last month.

"I haven't seen them dedicate a whole show to a label before," Fitzgerald says. "I think that says volumes to the impact that we've made on the scene."

The label is also celebrating with the recently announced Metal Blade 25th Anniversary tour. Cannibal Corpse will headline the 29-date U.S. run that kicks off Sept. 6 at the House of Blues in New Orleans. The Black Dahlia Murder, the Red Chord, the Absence and one other TBA band will support. —CT



THE RED CHORD

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ALBUMS

ROCK

TEGAN & SARA

The Con
Producers: Tegan & Sara, Chris Walla
Release Date: July 24

★ The fifth album from the Canadian twins Tegan & Sara Guin is another tidy serving of the '80s-inspired hermonic indie pop the duo has been cooking up for nearly a decade. While not as immediately satisfying as its 2004 predecessor *"So Jealous,"* *"The Con"* is more sonically advanced. Co-produced by Death Cab for Cutie guitarist Chris Walla, the 14-song set is full of classy melodies. The sisters flesh out each other's songs and weave their distinctive harmonies throughout a variety of rhythmic structures. Cuts like the shimmering title track (rocking but movie-montage smooth), the choppy, skittish "Are You Ten Years Ago?" and the seductively simple "Back in Your Head" each highlight subtleties in the pair's songwriting that haven't been as vibrant in the past, making *"The Con"* a welcome addition to summer playlists and to Tegan & Sara's promising catalog.—TC

HANSON

Wer Stories
Producers: Danny Kortchmar, Hanson, Blew
Release Date: July 24

★ "Weird Al" Yenkovic may have stolen a bit of Sum 41's thunder when he wrote "Canedien Idiot" for his latest album. The Great White North (now L.A.-based) trio's fourth full-length is, wittingly or not, something of a homage to Green Day's "American Idiot." From its thematic (though not narrative) "us against them" unity to the fierce political sloganeering of "March of the Dogs" to the sociopolitical arrangements that bolster Sum 41's punk roots with references to Queen, Weezer and Linkin Park. And with its ecstasie guitar and strings, "So Long Goodbye"—a paean to departed guitarist Dave Brown—underscores the album on a decidedly "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)" note. But don't write off "Underclass Hero" as mere imitation; its growth feels genuine and, unlike Sum 41's punkers, its musical maturation doesn't come at the expense of the all-important snotty tune.—GG

Release Date: July 24

★ "The Welk" has an iconic American sound in the same way that, say, Michael Bay makes iconic American movies; this is music to play while speeding a convertible down country roads at sunset with a blonde in the passenger seat, arms outstretched. Such an approach will, of course, ender Henson to about as many people as it horrifies, but there's no doubt that 10 years after it sprung "Mmmbo" on an unsuspecting populace waiting for that Prodigy album, Henson remains as aggressively accessible as ever. "Been There Before" packs a na-na-na chorus, "60" is the group's shot at the "Grey's Anatomy" market looking for something cuter than the Frey, and "Georgia" is all heartland jangle and cheeseburger-and-a-beer production that could fit right into pop, AC or country playlists.—JV

SUM 41

Underclass Hero
Producer: Deryck Whibley
Release Date: July 24

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PRINCE

Planet Earth
Producers: Prince, Columbia
Release Date: July 24

Prince's decision to package this disc inside copies of tabloid newspaper *The Mail* infused British retailers. However, judging by the tracks that "Planet Earth" contains, he won't encounter fens' ire. While the album doesn't break new ground, there's plenty to like about its mix of pumping rock and old-school soul. The tight 10-track opener opens and closes with social commentary (the title cut and "Resolution"). Both showcase Prince's dexterity on the guitar as he effortlessly rolls with intriguing tempo twists and turns. Marva King's delicious vocals set off the rollicking, funky ode to model "Chelise Rodgers." Then Prince shifts gears to mellow on the smooth-flowing "Somewhere Here on Earth" and "Mr. Goodnight." With such longtime colleagues as Sheila E, Maceo Parker and Wendy & Lisa in tow, you can hear how much fun Prince is still having—end why he shouldn't be counted out as he approaches the 30th anniversary of his first chart hit.—GM



writer territory on recent solo efforts, the former Phish frontman reminds us of his flair for ornate big-band arrangements and organic improvisation with two live cuts and six studio outtakes recorded concurrently with those for 2004's "Sols de Mayo." Those who have been waiting to hop back on the groove train will be overjoyed with the Celyps cadences of "Sidewalks of San Francisco," the high-energy psych-rock of "The 5th Round" and the dramatic harmonic shifts of the title track. The disc proves Anastasio doesn't need his old bandmates to sizzle but ought to get back to doing what he does best: kicking out the jams.—SV

COUNTRY
BILLY RAY CYRUS
Home at Last
Producers: Fred Mollin, Walt Disney Records
Release Date: July 24

★ On the heels of his appearance on ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" and his role as the father of Disney Channel character Hannah Montana (who is his real daughter, Miley), Billy Ray Cyrus is hot. That makes the timing of his latest release everything a laud and artist could hope for. But unfortunately, "Home at Last" doesn't

deliver. A curious mix of new and old, the album finds Cyrus offering tepid covers of James Taylor's "You've Got a Friend" and Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl," as well as Jackie DeShannon's "Put a Little Love in Your Heart." First single "Ready, Set, Don't Go," which Cyrus co-wrote for his famous daughter, will no doubt bring the album attention since it will be incorporated into a "Hannah Montana" episode, but more than elsewhere here can take advantage of Cyrus' heat.—KT

TOM T. HALL

Sings Miss Dixie & Tom.
Producers: Dixie Hall
Blue Circle
Release Date: July 3

★ This modest bluegrass set is evidence that, four decades after his recording debut, Tom T. Hall still ranks with country's greatest storytellers, and his beloved wife and songwriting partner, Dixie, is a one big reason why. Though the mood is generally upbeat, funerals figure prominently in "Jimmy Martin's Life Story" (recorded shortly before yodeling guitarist Martin's 2005 death and humorously suggesting the avoidance of herd-drinking blues songs at the memorial ceremony), "A Heedstone for Henry" and the great "A Lone in Harlan," an unsentimental look at

small-town soldier's return for burial. Elsewhere, pastoral memories of dirt roads, county borders and green hills surround acknowledgment about not fitting in with the young folks. Sometimes Hell's just along for a relaxed ride among an all-star cast of pickers and strummers, and he tells more than he sings. But then, he's always been a great teller.—CE

LATIN

KANY GARCIA

Couler Die
Producers: Memo Gil
Sony BMG
Release Date: July 10

Singer/songwriter Kany Garcia's confessional rock debut is a welcome major-label departure from Latin pop diva. Her husky tone seems built for a sideways glance at breakfast, sex, aging and human indifference, but it's the album's upfront tracks that really leave an impression. Garcia's sudden bursts of anger are a dose of good sass, fun, especially on the country-tinged "Amigo en el Baño," a darkly funny tune about a vibrator, and the brisk rocker "Hijer de Tecones," in which she declares she's "tired of looking at myself in the mirror... because in my early 20s, you've made me feel so wrinkled." Garcia shows she's got some lyrical movie here, and

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UNKLE

Wer Stories
Producers: Richard File, Chris Goss
Surrender All
Release Date: July 24

Studio mastermind James Lavelle's DJ/rock collective UNKLE has its third go with the aptly titled "Wer Stories." Frustrated with the majors, it's the first UNKLE album to be released via Lavelle's own label, and he certainly isn't plying it safe from the start. The sound is bold, big and badass, with a crew of belty rock stars filling out the songs. Former Cult frontman Ian Astbury's vocals on "Burn My Shadow" are suspenseful and foreboding, Queens of the Stone Age's Josh Homme pounds out a relentless "Restless" and Lavelle even steps to the mic for the first time for "Hold My Hand," a thumping bop of a track that is an album standout. However, one of the real stars is the guitar, which boosts the vocals and momentum throughout the record. Aggressive yet soulful, "War" doesn't just straddle the line between rock and electronic—it destroys it.—MB



MANIC STREET PREACHERS

Send Away the Tigers
Producers: Dave Eringa, Greg Werling, Rod Williams
Red Ink
Release Date: July 24

The Manics have found their mojo again. After taking a dear and somewhat bloodless turn on its last couple of albums, the British trio is roaring again, playing with the punky vigor of its early career and yodeling in oblique lyricism that's as much fun to dissect as it is to listen to. What other band, after all, would connect former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, comedian Tony Hancock and the Baghdad Zoo in a single song (the title track) or Jack Lemmon and Guanternamo Bay in another ("Rendition")? The ultimate touchstone for "Tigers"—a No. 2 smash in Britain upon its May release there—is the Manic Street Preachers' own 1995 masterpiece "Everything Must Go," but the group unapologetically gives sonic props to the Who, ELQ, Guns N' Roses and Aerosmith throughout. A fierce return to form.—GG



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with a few more memorable arrangements to match her scintillating ballads could have even wider appeal. Here's hoping her eloquence strikes a chord.—ABY

DVD

THE FLAMING LIPS The Legendary Concert in Oklahoma City: U.F.O.'s at the Zoo

Directors: Bradley Beasley, the Flaming Lips
Warner Bros.

Release Date: July 24

While they've been around for more than 20 years, the Flaming Lips didn't start coming into their own as entertainers until right around the millennium. That's when they started showering their audiences with confetti and enormous balloons, and singer Wayne Coyne began tumbling over the audience in a giant bubble. One thing remained the same: The band's druggie art-pop was played at deafening levels. All of this has turned the Lips into one of the best party bands and killer live acts ever. So how well does this 2006 tour hometown jam at the Oklahoma City Zoo capture all that chaos and euphoria? Fairly well, but no DVD could really channel the energy of what it's like to actually be in a Lips audience. It's that bananas. However, you certainly see what you're missing, and then some (including a tour of the zoo with Coyne)—WVG

PET SHOP BOYS

Cubism

Director: David Bandard
Rhino

Release Date: July 24

Pet Shop Boys had a lot to celebrate in 2006. Their album "Fundamental" was hailed by critics as a return to form and even gar-

nered a Grammy Award nod. This DVD, taped Nov. 14, 2006, in Mexico City, caps a banner year. The nearly two-hour set is packed with hits like "West End Girls," "Opportunities (Let's Make Lots of Money)," and "I'm With Stupid," and closes with the one-two punch of the epic "It's a Sin" followed by the joyful camp of "Go West." Extras include a classy photo gallery and an eight-minute, artsy mini-documentary. There's also a running audio commentary of the concert itself with group members Chris Lowe and Neil Tennant and the film's director David Bandard. While sometimes informative, the participants aren't terribly chatty. That said, even casual fans will enjoy the DVD, thanks to the hit-filled set list and the ace production of the show.—KIC

CHRISTIAN

DENNIS JERIGNAN

I Cry Holy

Producers: Mark Stocker, Dennis Jerigan
Infinity Music

Release Date: July 17

This is Dennis Jerigan's first CD in nearly five years, and it's a welcome return by one of Christian music's most engaging singer/songwriters. The project strikes a compelling balance between compelling ballads like the title track and scorching vibrant uptempo fare as "I Will Sing," which has a breezy Caribbean vibe. "Our God Is Holy" is a funky number laced with sax—a worship song with attitude and passion. One of Jerigan's strengths is the conviction he brings to every song. Whether a ballad or a faster cut, he sings each tune as though it's his last performance. Here's hoping he doesn't wait five years to do this again.—DEP

R&B

JORDAN MCCOY

Just Watch Me (#348)

Producers: Matthew Gerrard
Writers: M. Gerrard, S. Diamond
Publishers: various
Bad Boy

Diddy may seem a curious mentor for teen singer Jordan McCoy, a finalist in the uninvitingly cutesy "American Idol" spinoff "American Juniors"—but perhaps even the hip-hop mogul is dog tired of the U.S. airwaves' homogenized vocal-on-rap and recognizes that we're overdue for something refreshingly melodic. The 15-year-old Bad Boy signing delivers a pure pop gem in "Just Watch Me," which sounds like it could have come from the Hilary Duff songbook. (That's, a good thing.) We hope Diddy will deliver enough promotional plaid to propel his protégé to top 40. It's been nearly a decade since Hanson, Britney and Backstreet Boys reigned youth culture; radio is more than ripe for a new generation of mainstream mania.—CT

R&B

COMMON

The People (#31)

Producers: Kanye West
Writers: L. Lynn, K. West
Publisher: not listed
G.O.O.D./Geffen

Chicago rapper Common is living proof that you can get better over time. "The People," the first single from his seventh solo LP, "Finding Forever," is a lyrical testament for those Common sees confronting everyday struggles in hoods around the globe. He works diligently to provide inspiration for all pursuing dreams to move forward, questioning why many work hard for material goals, yet remain on the low end of the socioeconomic scale—and professing that once he found internal hope, success blossomed with his rap career, movies, TV and a modeling contract with Gap. Kanye West is an ideal match, contributing songwriting and production acumen, sampling Mountains' '70s single "Long Red" to create a satisfying summer hit.—CT

COUNTRY

ALISON KRAUSS

Simple Love (#355)

Producers: Alison Krauss
Writer: S. Stinkind
Publishers: Sony ATV Tree/All Mighty DM, BMI
Rounder

Alison Krauss' current "A Hundred Miles or More: A Collection" is the long-lived artist's fastest-selling album ever, debuting at No. 3 on the Top Country Albums chart and No. 10 on The Billboard 200. New single "Simple Love" is a clear reminder of why Krauss has endured for nearly 20 years (and has scored just as many Grammy Awards), with its crystal-clear bluegrass instrumental and reflective, portrait-painting vocal imprint. Piano and steel guitar are masterful as Krauss aims for purity: "I want a simple love, always giving, never asking back." She is an aficionado who never fails to deliver, and "Simple Love" is joyous in its restraint and clean, crisp lines.—CT

ROCK

INTERPOL

The Heinrich Maneuver (#28)

Producers: Interpol, Rich Costey
Writer: Interpol
Publisher: not listed
Capitol

Throughout the course of its past two albums, indie rock quartet Interpol has

KT TUNSTALL

Hold On (#258)

Producers: Steve Osborne
Writers: KT Tunstall, E. Case
Publisher: not listed
Virgin

Hold on, indeed. Scottish singer/songwriter KT Tunstall, who burned a house through stateside charts last year with breakthrough hits "Black Horse & the Cherry Tree" and "Suddenly I See," returns with the first single from upcoming sophomore set "Drastic Fantastic." The track's deceptively melancholy start behind a bluesy, acoustic guitar-plucked lick is quickly superceded with crisp hand claps, tambourine shakes, a wobbly rockabilly-style electric guitar shuffle and then Tunstall's distinctive, soulful vocals, which whisk off to an exhilarating three-minute ride. As if contemplating her own head-spinning zero-to-60, Tunstall implores, "Hold on to what you've been given lately, because the world will turn if you're ready or not." Infectious and convincing, expect rapid chart ascent for Tunstall at adult top 40 and triple-A bases, and plentiful potential for mainstream top 40 saturation with this fiery foot-stomper.—SV



come exceedingly close to perfecting a signature brand of angular gloom rock. (Some would argue it already did so on debut "Turn On the Bright Lights.") Though the band's new set "Our Love to Admire" is more Cure than Joy Division, lead single "The Heinrich Maneuver" leans closer to the latter group's "Closer." If you can decipher lead singer/songwriter Paul Banks' typically cryptic lyrics ("You wear those shoes like a dove"), you'll find a tale of a lover scorned by his girlfriend-turned-West Coast actress. The

song trends familiar ground sonically, though previously thundering rhythm section led by bassist Carlos D. and percussionist Sam Fogarino has been scaled back a bit in the mix. A single that plays it safe, but is catchy nonetheless.—TG

POISON

SexyBack (#330)

Producers: Don Was
Writers: N.F. Hilly, T. Mosley, J. Timberlake
Publisher: not listed
Capitol

Out of the odd repertoire on Poison's covers album "Poisonized," the rendition of Justin Timberlake's "SexyBack" is one of the most, eh, unexpected. The once-glam-band respects the original's club-banger vibe with a percolating cowbell and vocoder on Brett Michaels' voice; it gets its rock on with the bombastic chorus and C.C. DeVille's aley cat guitar squeals. No one can deny the cleverness of Michaels declaring, "If that's your girl better watch your back/She'll burn it up for me and that's a fact." But when he introduces the song with "Pick it up, Mr. Rockitt, now hit it," you get an uncomfortable Vanilla Ice flashback. Ditto to shout-outs of "Take it to the bridge" We don't know if Poison borrowed sexy back, but it did make us smile—and smirk.—CLT



PAT MONAHAN

Her Eyes (#316)

Producers: Patrick Leonard
Writer: P. Monahan
Publisher: not listed
Columbia

Train has engineered a robust track record since debut hit "Meat Virginia" graced the top 20 in 1999. While the Grammy Award-winning group takes a break, lead Pat Monahan now mines solo turf with launch single "Her Eyes," a boisterous ode to his quirky woman "Meet Virginia" part two? He offers a feast of sign-along rapid-fire verses ("Tells me she lived a hundred lives, scares me to death when she thinks and drives/ Says cowboy hats make her look fat, I'm so glad she's mine") and a clever love/hate theme, while the uptempo melody conjures classic template of Southern-style beach music. The vocal is as recognizable as the taste of Frosted Flakes—and the song goes down with the same familiar, sugar-coated comfort. Expect to see instantaneous adult top 40 love for "Her Eyes." Look for full-length "Last of Seven" Sept. 18.—CT

LEGENDS CHECKS

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PICK #2: A new release predicted to hit the top half of the chart in

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CHARTS

A WEEKLY POUNDUP OF NOTABLE CHART ACHIEVEMENTS



LAUGH TRACKS

Patton Oswalt, who voices the character Remy, above, in the Walt Disney Pixar film "Ratatouille," garners his own share of fame. "Wastelanders and Lullabies," his Sub Pop release, debuts at No. 1 on Top Comedy Albums. He is also No. 4 on Top Headbands, No. 18 on Top Independent Albums and No. 137 on The Billboard 200.

HOOBOYS

Flare White's T.I. yield Hollywood Records' first No. 1 on The Billboard Hot 100. The label reached No. 2 in 1982, when "Wayne's World" recharged Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody."



RED LETTER DAY

Jumpstart Apparatus logs its 32nd week on Modern Rock. The title's chart record set by last year's 30 Seconds to Mars hit, "The Kill (Bury Me)." Now No. 17, "Face" will likely move to recurrent status next week, thus ending its run.

CHART BEAT

>>>After 27 years together (including Motown, U.K. rock/dance outfit New Order broke up two months ago). In spite of that, the members are finding their greatest Billboard 100 success to date—as songwriters. Signature tune "Blue Monday" is credited in Rihanna's latest hit, "Shut Up and Drive," which races 34-22. That beats her No. 28 peak of New Order's biggest U.S. hit, "Rhythm."

>>>Fred Bronson also notes the irony of "Dilett" and "Halsey" having simultaneous success. Pink White T.V.'s "Here There Outside" is the first song with a girl's name in the title to reach No. 1 on the Hot 100 since Santana's and the Product G.B.'s "Maria Maria" in 2000. Meanwhile, the "Halsey" soundtrack is the highest-charting "Halsey" album, with No. 20 bow on The Billboard 200.

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T.I. Stops Revolving Door; Rock Around The Chart

That strange sensation that you have seen this picture before? It's not de ja vu. It just feels unusual because this is the first time in a dozen weeks that a No. 1 album has retained the top slot for a second week.

T.I. becomes the first artist since Avril Lavigne to lead the big chart for more than a week (175,000 copies, down 63%). When the rapper bowed last issue with "T.I. vs. T.I.P.," it became the 10th No. 1 album in as many weeks.

There have been 21 different chart-topping albums in the first 28 weeks of 2007. Of those 21, the "Dreamgirls" soundtrack and Daughtry's self-titled album were the only ones released earlier than January, but neither of those reached No. 1 in 2006.

Aside from T.I. and Lavigne, the only ones to top the page for more than a week this year have been "Dreamgirls," Daughtry, "hits sampler" "Now 24" and Norah Jones' "Not Too Late." And Jones' album, with three topping frames, is the only 2007 chart to hold the title for more than two.

Those tallies stand in line with the first seven months of 2006, when 42 albums were crowned No. 1, the most of any year in Billboard 200 history. There were 22 different chart-

toppers in that year's first 28 weeks, including Rascal Flatts' "Me and My Gang," which, with its three-week stretch, owned the longest reign of any 2006 title. Come to think of it, this really might be de ja vu all over again.

ROCK PILES: You'll find a treasure trove of rock albums among The Billboard 200's new entries.

The first-week total of 145,000 for the Smashing Pumpkins at No. 2 almost doubles the 77,000 that hits album "Rotten Apples," the band's last charting title, sold during its first week in 2001.

The chart also features the first top 10 appearances by Interpol (No. 4,



73,000) and Spoon (No. 10, 46,000), both with career-best Nielsen SoundScan weeks. Interpol's last album, 2004's "Amnesiac," held that band's prior best rank and week when it opened at No. 15 on 63,000 copies.

At No. 35, Bad Religion nets the best Billboard 200 rank of any of its seven charting albums. At No. 57, Against Me! makes the top half of The Billboard 200 for the first time.

With those fresh troops in store, rock albums sell 2.9 million copies for the week, a gain of 7.5% against prior-week sales in a frame when the overall album market slips by close to 5%.

EARTH TONES: Of the many acts that gained exposure from Live Earth, the one that benefited the most in U.S. music sales double-dipped. KT Tunstall races 173-101 on The Billboard 200 with a 60% leap, but aside from being seen on the benefit concert's TV specials and webcasts, the singer/songwriter played "Today" during the track-ing week.

The other bumps that Live Earth players post on U.S. charts are more modest, save for Genesis, which has a hits catalog hurdle 36-7 on Top Catalog Albums with a 78% gain.

More representative are John Mayer and Snow Patrol, who, respectively, have gains of 5% and 2% on The Billboard 200 (at Nos. 68 and 180).

The big chart also gets bows by participants the Smashing Pumpkins (No. 2), Crowded House (No. 46) and Madonna's collaborating Gogol Bordello (No. 115). It's always difficult to gauge how much any factor contributes to first-week sales, but of those three, I'll climb out on a limb and say Live Earth probably meant the most to Gogol Bordello. Meanwhile, Madonna's entire album output posts Nielsen SoundScan sales of 6,000, about even with what her titles sold in the prior week.

On the catalog list, the largest Live Earth spunk next to Genesis is the 19% bump muscled by Metallica (No. 28). That chart also sees Pink Floyd catch a gain of less than 1% after Roger Waters' performance (No. 13), and Jack Johnson posts a 2% increase.

FOR THE RECORD: A database glitch kept two versions of Justin's "Cross" from being linked. Had they been merged, the title would have bowed this issue at No. 5 on Top Heatseekers and No. 156 on The Billboard 200.

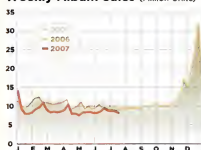
Market Watch

Weekly Unit Sales

	ALBUMS	CD/DVD	DIGITAL
This Week	8,304,000	935,000	14,447,000
Last Week	8,731,000	909,000	15,404,000
This Week Last Year	-4.9%	2.9%	-6.2%
Change Last Week	9,309,000	540,000	10,022,000
Change	-10.8%	73.1%	44.2%

*Digital album sales are also included within album sales.

Weekly Album Sales (Million Units)



Year-To-Date

	2006	2007	CHANGE
OVERALL UNIT SALES			
Albums	288,924,000	246,881,000	-14.6%
Digital Tracks	301,479,000	4,477,770,000	48.3%
Store Singles	2,263,000	1,067,000	-52.9%
Total	592,666,000	695,125,000	17.3%
Albums vs. Total*	319,071,900	291,598,700	-8.6%

*Includes track equivalent album sales (TEAS) with 10 track downloads equivalent to one album sale.

ALBUM SALES

2006	288.9 million
2007	246.9 million

SALES BY ALBUM FORMAT

	2006	2007	CHANGE
CD	279,910,000	220,805,000	-18.8%
Digital	15,778,000	25,345,000	60.6%
Cassette	738,000	188,000	-74.3%
Other	498,000	543,000	9.0%

For week ending July 16, 2007. Figures are rounded. *Excludes from a national sample of retail and brick-and-mortar sources only.

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YEAR-TO-DATE SALES BY ALBUM CATEGORY

	2006	2007	CHANGE
Current	177,058,000	147,909,000	-16.5%
Catalog	111,865,000	98,792,000	-11.5%
Deep Catalog	78,101,000	69,785,000	-10.6%

CURRENT ALBUM SALES

2006	177.1 million
2007	147.9 million

CATALOG ALBUM SALES

2006	111.9 million
2007	99.0 million

Source: SoundScan charts on weekly unit sales within the first 18 months of an album's release (12 months for classical and jazz albums). Sales for the year end may not yet be in the SoundScan 2007 database as of current date. Sales for the year end may not yet be in the SoundScan 2007 database as of current date. Sales for the year end may not yet be in the SoundScan 2007 database as of current date.

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THE Billboard 200

WEEK	ARTIST	ALBUM	WEEKS ON CHART	PEAK POSITION	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	CHART MOVEMENT
1	TL	TL vs T.I.P.	1	1		1	NEW
2	MILEY CYRUS	Hannah Montana 2 (Soundtrack)	2	2	1	2	UP
3	INTERPOL	Our Love To Admire	3	3	4	3	UP
4	KELLY CLARKSON	My December	4	4	5	4	UP
5	BON JOVI	Lost Highway	5	5	6	5	UP
6	LINKIN PARK	Minutes to Midnight	6	6	7	6	UP
7	FERGIE	The Dutchess	7	7	8	7	UP
8	AMY WINEHOUSE	Back to Black	8	8	9	8	UP
9	SPON	Go Go Go Go	9	9	10	9	UP
10	THE WHITE STRIPES	Isley Tramp	10	10	11	10	UP
11	EMINEM	All The Real Reasons	11	11	12	11	UP
12	KELLY ROWLAND	Ms. Kelly	12	12	13	12	UP
13	BRAD PISLEY	5th Gear	13	13	14	13	UP
14	ALY & AJ	Innocent	14	14	15	14	UP
15	MAROON 5	It Won't Be Soon Before Long	15	15	16	15	UP
16	T-PAIN	Epiphany	16	16	17	16	UP
17	RIHANNA	Good Girl Gone Bad	17	17	18	17	UP
18	VELVET REVOLVER	Liberated	18	18	19	18	UP
19	SOUNDTRACK	Hairspray	19	19	20	19	UP
20	TAYLOR SWIFT	Taylor Swift	20	20	21	20	UP
21	AVRIL LAVIGNE	The Best Damn Thing	21	21	22	21	UP
22	DAUGHTY	Daughter	22	22	23	22	UP
23	R. KELLY	Double Up	23	23	24	23	UP
24	FABOLOUS	From Notion To Somethin'	24	24	25	24	UP
25	PAUL MCCARTNEY	Memory Almost Full	25	25	26	25	UP
26	TOBY KEITH	Big Dog Daddy	26	26	27	26	UP
27	HE-YO	Because Of You	27	27	28	27	UP
28	CARLIE UNDERWOOD	Some Hearts	28	28	29	28	UP
29	PLAIN WHITE T	Every Second Counts	29	29	30	29	UP
30	SOUNDTRACK	Hannah Montana	30	30	31	30	UP
31	MICHAEL BUBLE	Call Me Irresponsible	31	31	32	31	UP
32	THE POLICE	The Police	32	32	33	32	UP
33	SOUNDTRACK	Transformers: The Album	33	33	34	33	UP
34	RED RELIGION	New Maps Of Hell	34	34	35	34	UP
35	BIG & RICH	Between Raising Hell And Amazing Grace	35	35	36	35	UP
36	TIMBALAND	Timbaland Presents Shock Value	36	36	37	36	UP
37	VARIOUS ARTISTS	NOW 24	37	37	38	37	UP
38	JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE	FutureSex/LoveSounds	38	38	39	38	UP
39	YIM YAM	Let It Go	39	39	40	39	UP
40	AKON	Konvicted	40	40	41	40	UP
41	SHOP BOYZ	Rockstar Mentality	41	41	42	41	UP
42	SOUNDTRACK	Harry Potter And The Order Of The Phoenix	42	42	43	42	UP
43	JASON ALDRIDGE	Relentless	43	43	44	43	UP
44	OWEN STEFANI	The Sweet Escape	44	44	45	44	UP
45	CROWDED HOUSE	Time On Earth	45	45	46	45	UP
46	SARA BAREILLE	Little Voice	46	46	47	46	UP
47	FALL OUT BOY	Infinite On High	47	47	48	47	UP
48	RYAN ADAMS	Easy Tiger	48	48	49	48	UP
49	ROBIN THICK	The Evolution Of Robin Thicke	49	49	50	49	UP

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WEEK	ARTIST	ALBUM	WEEKS ON CHART	PEAK POSITION	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	CHART MOVEMENT
51	PASCAL FLATTS	Me And My Gang	51	51	52	51	UP
52	PARMORE	RIOT!	52	52	53	52	UP
53	LIFHOUSE	Who We Are	53	53	54	53	UP
54	BEYONCE	Day	54	54	55	54	UP
55	CORINNE BAILEY RAE	Corinne Bailey Rae	55	55	56	55	UP
56	SILVERSTEIN	Arrivals & Departures	56	56	57	56	UP
57	CHRISTIE MCHILL	I Am	57	57	58	57	UP
58	SEASTIE BOYS	The Mix-Up	58	58	59	58	UP
59	BONE THUGS-N-HARMONY	Strength & Loyalty	59	59	60	59	UP
60	GRUPO METEOR DE DURANGO	Agarrase	60	60	61	60	UP
61	HINDER	Extreme Behavior	61	61	62	61	UP
62	DJ KHALED	The Best	62	62	63	62	UP
63	TRAVELING WILBURYS	The Traveling Wilburys Collection	63	63	64	63	UP
64	BOYS LIKE GIRLS	Boys Like Girls	64	64	65	64	UP
65	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Vana Warped Tour: 2007 Tour Compilation	65	65	66	65	UP
66	OZZY OSBOURNE	Black Rain	66	66	67	66	UP
67	JOHN MAYER	Continuum	67	67	68	67	UP
68	NELLY FURTADO	Loose	68	68	69	68	UP
69	SUGARLAND	Enjoy The Ride	69	69	70	69	UP
70	PINK	I'm Not Dead	70	70	71	70	UP
71	DADDY YANKEE	El Caribe: The Big Boss	71	71	72	71	UP
72	ELTON JOHN	Rocket Men: Number Ones	72	72	73	72	UP
73	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Instant Karma: The Amnesty International Campaign To Save Darfur	73	73	74	73	UP
74	KEITH URBAN	Love, Pain & The Whole Crazy Thing	74	74	75	74	UP
75	JOSS STONE	Introducing Joss Stone	75	75	76	75	UP
76	ELIOT YAMIN	Eliot Yamin	76	76	77	76	UP
77	THREE DAYS GRACE	One - X	77	77	78	77	UP
78	SOUNDTRACK	Once	78	78	79	78	UP
79	BUCKY COVINGTON	Bucky Covington	79	79	80	79	UP
80	MARILYN MANSON	Eti Me, Drink Me	80	80	81	80	UP
81	ALISON KRAUSS	A Hundred Miles Or More: A Collection	81	81	82	81	UP
82	CHRISTIE MCHILL	Innocent	82	82	83	82	UP
83	YOUNG JEEZY PRESENTS U.S.A.	Cold Summer: The Authorized Mixtape	83	83	84	83	UP
84	THE FRAY	How To Save A Life	84	84	85	84	UP
85	TANK	Sex Love & Pain	85	85	86	85	UP
86	GYM CLASS HEROES	As Cruel As School Children	86	86	87	86	UP
87	THE USED	Let For The Liars	87	87	88	87	UP
88	PAPA ROACH	The Paramour Sessions	88	88	89	88	UP
89	FEIST	The Reminder	89	89	90	89	UP
90	TIM MCGRAW	Greatest Hits Vol. 2: Reflections	90	90	91	90	UP
91	ISRAEL 'IZ' KAMAKAWI'OLE	Wonderful World	91	91	92	91	UP
92	THE BEATLES	Love	92	92	93	92	UP
93	ALY ALLEN	Alright, Still...	93	93	94	93	UP
94	FILYALE	Filyale	94	94	95	94	UP
95	RODNEY ATKINS	If You're Going Through Hell	95	95	96	95	UP
96	TRACY LAWRENCE	For The Love	96	96	97	96	UP
97	MUSIO SCHOULCH	Luvamusi	97	97	98	97	UP
98	BRANDI CARLIS	The Story	98	98	99	98	UP



Nickelback dips 34-41, up 5% following album's release.



Finally, John Mellencamp's "Scare" (album) and Nickelback's "All the Real Reasons" (album) start at No. 20,000.



After 15 years away from the charts, Eminem's Relapse (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Timbaland's Shock Value (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Justin Timberlake's FutureSex/LoveSounds (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Pascal Flatts's Me And My Gang (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Parmore's Riot! (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Lifhouse's Who We Are (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Beyonce's Day (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Corinne Bailey Rae's Corinne Bailey Rae (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Silverstein's Arrivals & Departures (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Christie McMill's I Am (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Seastie Boys's The Mix-Up (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Bone Thugs-N-Harmony's Strength & Loyalty (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Grupo Meteoro de Durango's Agarrase (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Hinder's Extreme Behavior (album) starts at No. 20,000.



DJ Khaled's The Best (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Traveling Wilburys's The Traveling Wilburys Collection (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Boys Like Girls's Boys Like Girls (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Various Artists's Vana Warped Tour: 2007 Tour Compilation (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Ozzy Osbourne's Black Rain (album) starts at No. 20,000.



John Mayer's Continuum (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Nelly Furtado's Loose (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Sugarland's Enjoy The Ride (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Pink's I'm Not Dead (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Daddy Yankee's El Caribe: The Big Boss (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Elton John's Rocket Men: Number Ones (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Various Artists's Instant Karma: The Amnesty International Campaign To Save Darfur (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Keith Urban's Love, Pain & The Whole Crazy Thing (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Joss Stone's Introducing Joss Stone (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Eliot Yamin's Eliot Yamin (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Three Days Grace's One - X (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Soundtrack's Once (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Bucky Covington's Bucky Covington (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Marilyn Manson's Eti Me, Drink Me (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Alison Krauss's A Hundred Miles Or More: A Collection (album) starts at No. 20,000.



Christie McMill's Innocent (album) starts at No. 20,000.

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THE BILLBOARD HOT 100

WEEK	LAST WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	WEEKS ON CHART
1	2	HEY THERE DELIAH	Plain White T's	1
2	1	UMBRELLA	Rihanna Featuring Jay-Z	1
3	1	BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY	Fergie	1
4	2	PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR	Shop Boyz	1
5	3	THE WAY I AM	Timbaland Featuring Keri Hilson	1
6	4	BUY U A DRINK (SHAWTY SHAPPIE)	5 Plan Featuring Yung Joc	1
7	5	A BAY BAY	Hurricane Chris	1
8	10	GREATEST BARTENDER	5 Plan Featuring Yung Joc	1
9	7	MAKES ME WONDER	Meson 5	1
10	11	MAKE ME BETTER	Fabulous Featuring No. 1	1
11	12	BIG THINGS POPPIN' (DO IT)	LL Cool J	1
12	13	SUMMER LOVE	Justin Timberlake	1
13	14	WHAT I'VE DONE	Linkin Park	1
14	15	THINKS FR FR	Any Winehouse	1
15	16	GIRLFRIEND	Ariana Grande	1
16	17	BEAUTIFUL GIRLS	Sean Kingston	1
17	18	BEFORE HE CHEATS	Cameo Underwood	1
18	19	WAIT FOR YOU	Elliott Smith	1
19	20	SHAWTY	5 Plan Featuring Yung Joc	1
20	21	HOME	Daughtry	1
21	22	SHUT UP AND DRIVE	Timbaland Featuring Keri Hilson	1
22	23	THE SWEET ESCAPE	Gwen Stefani Featuring Akon	1
23	24	POP LOCK & DROP IT	Hurricane Chris	1
24	25	WHINE UP	Kid Delante Featuring Elephant Man	1
25	26	GLAMOROUS	Fergie Featuring Ludacris	1
26	27	LIKE THIS	Mink	1
27	28	U + UR HAND	Missy Elliott	1
28	29	LIP GLOSS	La Marz	1
29	30	NEVER WANTED NOTHING MORE	Kenny Chesney	1
30	31	GIVE IT TO ME	Timbaland Featuring Neely Furied & Justin Timberlake	1
31	32	THE GREAT ESCAPE	Gwen Stefani Featuring Akon	1
32	33	LOST IN THIS MOMENT	Big & Rich	1
33	34	TAMBOURINE	Eva	1
34	35	TEARDROPS ON MY CHEEKS	Keyshia Cole	1
35	36	LEAN ON A MOLE	Don K & Kido	1
36	37	WIPE ME SEE U	Fantasia	1
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99	100	WIPE ME SEE U	Fantasia	1

WEEK	LAST WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	WEEKS ON CHART
1	2	I TOLD YOU SO	Keith Urban	1
2	1	I TRIED	Bone Thugs-N-Harmony Featuring Akon	1
3	3	LIKE A BOY	GaGa	1
4	4	4 IN THE MORNING	Gwen Stefani	1
5	5	CRY TALK	Michael Bublé	1
6	6	EVERYTHING	Michael Bublé	1
7	7	NOBODY'S PERFECT	Hormones	1
8	8	LIFE'S WHAT YOU MAKE IT	Hormones	1
9	9	BETTER THAN A	Hormones	1
10	10	BECAUSE OF YOU	Rabe McEntire Duet With	1
11	11	PARALYZED	Finger Eleven	1
12	12	WHO KNEW	Linkin Park	1
13	13	YOU WANT TO MAKE A MEMORY	Linkin Park	1
14	14	TEENAGERS	My Chemical Romance	1
15	15	GET ME ROGUE	My Chemical Romance	1
16	16	PLEASE DON'T GO	Tank	1
17	17	TICKS	Bred Paskley	1
18	18	LOVESTONED	Justin Timberlake	1
19	19	THESE ARE MY PEOPLE	My Chemical Romance	1
20	20	GOOD DIRECTIONS	My Chemical Romance	1
21	21	JOHNNY CASH	Jason Aldean	1
22	22	A DIFFERENT WORLD	Buckley	1
23	23	WE TALK OVER	Linkin Park	1
24	24	YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS	Linkin Park	1
25	25	LUCKY MAN	Linkin Park	1
26	26	WRAPPED	George Strait	1
27	27	FIND OUT WHO YOUR FRIENDS ARE	Tracy Lawrence	1
28	28	STARTIN' WITH ME	Kara Dio	1
29	29	ANONYMOUS	Bobbi Velez	1
30	30	FOREVER	Perfrom	1
31	31	MISERY BUSINESS	Perfrom	1
32	32	BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE (SAM AND MIKAEAL'S THEME)	Go Go	1
33	33	EASY	Paula DeAnda	1
34	34	I WONDER	Keith Urban	1
35	35	BEAUTIFUL LAD	Beck	1
36	36	LITTLE WONDERS	John Thomas	1
37	37	OUTTA MY SYSTEM	Bow Wow	1
38	38	TOUGH	Craig Morgan	1
39	39	MOONLIGHT	Emerson Drive	1
40	40	UNTIL THE END OF TIME	Justin Timberlake	1
41	41	BUBBLY	Colbie Corbett	1
42	42	GUYS LIKE ME	Enrique Iglesias	1
43	43	NEVER TOO LATE	Three Days Grace	1

T'S COUNT DOWN TO FIRST NO. 1

Plain White T's earn their first Hot 100 No. 1 as "Hey There Deliah" continues its staircase climb.

"Deliah" holds No. 1 for a third week on Hot 100, but its sales slide down 12% for the first time in its 15 weeks on the list. The song's initial move into the top 10 on Hot 100 Airplay (11-9.6 million audience impressions) offsets the loss in sales points.

—Sibio Petrucci

HOT 100 AIRPLAY

WEEK	LAST	WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	WEEKS ON CHART
1	1	1	UMBRELLA	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	1
2	2	2	SCARY GIRLS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	2
3	3	3	U + I R HAND	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	3
4	4	4	BEFORE HE CHEATS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	4
5	5	5	THE SWEET ESCAPE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	5
6	6	6	PLEASE DON'T GO	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	6
7	7	7	POK LOCK & DROP IT	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	7
8	8	8	GIVE IT TO ME	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	8
9	9	9	LOST IN THIS MOMENT	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	9
10	10	10	NEVER WANTED NOTHING MORE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	10
11	11	11	REHAB	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	11
12	12	12	WHAT I'VE DONE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	12
13	13	13	LIKE THIS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	13
14	14	14	TEARDROPS ON MY GUITAR	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	14
15	15	15	LIKE A BOY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	15
16	16	16	IT'S NOT OVER	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	16
17	17	17	UNDERNEATH	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	17
18	18	18	BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	18
19	19	19	SHAWTY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	19
20	20	20	PIECE OF MY HEART	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	20
21	21	21	WIFE ME DOWN	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	21
22	22	22	SEXY LADY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	22
23	23	23	LET IT GO	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	23

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ADULT TOP 40

WEEK	LAST	WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	WEEKS ON CHART
1	1	1	HOME	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	1
2	2	2	MAKES ME WONDER	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	2
3	3	3	HEY THERE DELILAH	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	3
4	4	4	FIRST TIME	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	4
5	5	5	THE SWEET ESCAPE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	5
6	6	6	IF EVERYONE CARED	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	6
7	7	7	U + I R HAND	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	7
8	8	8	BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	8
9	9	9	ROCKSTAR	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	9
10	10	10	BEFORE HE CHEATS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	10
11	11	11	THE TIT WONDERS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	11
12	12	12	SAY IT RIGHT	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	12
13	13	13	(YOU WANT TO) MAKE A MEMORY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	13
14	14	14	BETTER THAN ME	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	14
15	15	15	UNDERNEATH	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	15
16	16	16	BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	16
17	17	17	REHAB	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	17
18	18	18	FACE DOWN	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	18
19	19	19	DIG	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	19
20	20	20	GIRLFRIEND	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	20
21	21	21	WHAT I'VE DONE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	21
22	22	22	WHO KNEW	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	22
23	23	23	SUMMER LOVE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	23
24	24	24	IF YOU'RE GONNA LEAVE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	24

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WEEK	LAST	WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	WEEKS ON CHART
1	1	1	EVERYTHING	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	1
2	2	2	WAITING ON THE WORLD TO CHANGE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	2
3	3	3	CHASING CARS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	3
4	4	4	HOW TO SAVE A LIFE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	4
5	5	5	THE SWEET ESCAPE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	5
6	6	6	BEFORE HE CHEATS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	6
7	7	7	CHANGE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	7
8	8	8	FAIR PLAY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	8
9	9	9	STREETCORNER SYMPHONY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	9
10	10	10	RAINCATCH	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	10
11	11	11	IRREPLACEABLE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	11
12	12	12	THE TIT WONDERS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	12
13	13	13	MAKES ME WONDER	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	13
14	14	14	FEBRUARY SHOW	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	14
15	15	15	MY WISH	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	15
16	16	16	ANYWAY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	16
17	17	17	NEVER ALONE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	17
18	18	18	BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	18
19	19	19	EVER PRESENT	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	19
20	20	20	(YOU WANT TO) MAKE A MEMORY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	20
21	21	21	SAY IT RIGHT	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	21
22	22	22	HEAVEN KNOWS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	22
23	23	23	LEMONADE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	23
24	24	24	IF EVERYONE CARED	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	24

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HOT DIGITAL SONGS

WEEK	LAST	WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	WEEKS ON CHART
1	1	1	HEY THERE DELILAH	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	1
2	2	2	BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	2
3	3	3	UMBRELLA	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	3
4	4	4	THE WAY I ARE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	4
5	5	5	PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	5
6	6	6	MAKE ME BETTER	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	6
7	7	7	A BAY BAY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	7
8	8	8	MAKES ME WONDER	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	8
9	9	9	WHAT I'VE DONE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	9
10	10	10	THINKS FR TH MIMS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	10
11	11	11	REHAB	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	11
12	12	12	POTENTIAL BREAKUP SONG	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	12
13	13	13	BUY U A DRINK (SHAWTY SHAPIN')	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	13
14	14	14	BARTENDER	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	14
15	15	15	SHUT UP AND DRIVE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	15
16	16	16	BIG THINGS POPPIN' (DO IT)	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	16
17	17	17	ROCKSTAR	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	17
18	18	18	LIP GLOSS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	18
19	19	19	MAKE ME BETTER	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	19
20	20	20	SHAWTY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	20
21	21	21	SUMMER LOVE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	21
22	22	22	THE GREAT ESCAPE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	22
23	23	23	WHINE UP	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	23

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MODERN ROCK

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2	2	2	BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	2
3	3	3	UMBRELLA	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	3
4	4	4	THE WAY I ARE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	4
5	5	5	PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	5
6	6	6	MAKE ME BETTER	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	6
7	7	7	A BAY BAY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	7
8	8	8	MAKES ME WONDER	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	8
9	9	9	WHAT I'VE DONE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	9
10	10	10	THINKS FR TH MIMS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	10
11	11	11	REHAB	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	11
12	12	12	POTENTIAL BREAKUP SONG	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	12
13	13	13	BUY U A DRINK (SHAWTY SHAPIN')	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	13
14	14	14	BARTENDER	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	14
15	15	15	SHUT UP AND DRIVE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	15
16	16	16	BIG THINGS POPPIN' (DO IT)	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	16
17	17	17	ROCKSTAR	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	17
18	18	18	LIP GLOSS	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	18
19	19	19	MAKE ME BETTER	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	19
20	20	20	SHAWTY	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	20
21	21	21	SUMMER LOVE	DAVID NAY (IMP/PROD/LABEL)	21
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22	13	22	LISTEN <i>BRITISH WOMEN IN COLOMBIA</i> YOUR KISSES ARE WASTED ON ME	She Builds Quick Machines Age (79.2) Teenagers Across (78.5) Sanctification Black Hole women age (78.8)	14 14 14 14
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TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUMS

WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST	ALBUM	PEAK	WEEKS ON CHART
1	1	T.I.	T.I. vs T.P.	1	1
2	2	KELLY ROWLAND	Ms Kelly	2	2
3	3	T-PAIN	EpiPhany	3	3
4	4	R. KELLY	Double Up	4	4
5	5	FABOLOUS	From Nuthin' To Somethin'	5	5
6	6	NE-YO	Because Of You	6	6
7	7	RIHANNA	Good Girl Gone Bad	7	7
8	8	AMY WINEHOUSE	Back To Black	8	8
9	10	CHRISTIE MICHELE	I Am	9	1
10	9	ROBIN THICKE	The Evolution Of Robin Thicke	10	1
11	12	DJ KHALED	We The Best	11	1
12	10	SHOP BOYZ	Rockstar Mentality	12	1
13	11	YOUNG JEEZY PRESENTS U.S.O.A.	Cold Summer: The Authorized Mixtape	13	1
14	12	TANK	Sex Love & Pain	14	1
15	14	BEYONCÉ	B'Day	15	1
16	15	MUSIQ SOULCHILD	Luvemungin	16	1
17	16	JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE	FutureSex/LoveSounds	17	1
18	17	PASTOR TROY	Too Much	18	1
19	18	BONE THUGS-N-HARMONY	Strength & Loyalty	19	1
20	19	AKON	Kamikaze	20	1
21	20	TIMBALAND	Timbaland Presents Shock Value	21	1
22	21	EDDIE LEVERT SR. & GERALD LEVERT	Something To Talk About	22	1
23	22	FANTASIA	Fantasia	23	1
24	23	CORINNE BAILEY RAE	Corinne Bailey Rae	24	1
25	24	BOBBY VALENTINO	Special Occasion	25	1
26	25	LIL BOOSIE, WEEBIE & FOXX	Survival Of The Fittest	26	1
27	26	LLOYD	Street Love	27	1
28	27	COLLIE BUDDZ	Collie Buddz	28	1
29	28	CARL THOMAS	So Much Better	29	1
30	29	JOE	Ain't Nothing Like Me	30	1
31	30	KOOL & THE GANG	Shit Kool	31	1
32	31	DAVE	The Definition Of K. Pick Of The Litter	32	1
33	32	HUEY	Notebook Paper	33	1
34	33	VARIOUS ARTISTS	NOW 24	34	1
35	34	YOUNG BUCK	Back The Way	35	1
36	35	BIRDMAN & LIL WAYNE	Like Father, Like Son	36	1
37	36	CLARA	Claire: The Evolution	37	1
38	37	GERALD LEVERT	In My Songs	38	1
39	38	PHAROAHE MONCH	Desire	39	1
40	39	JOSS STONE	Introducing Joss Stone	40	1
41	40	LIL WYTE	The One And Only	41	1
42	41	ELLIOTT YEMIN	The Inspiration	42	1
43	42	TAMIA	Between Friends	43	1
44	43	JOHN LEGEND	Once Again	44	1
45	44	PAUL WALL	Get Money Stay True	45	1
46	45	LIL WAYNE AND LUELL SANTANA	When The North & South Collide	46	1
47	46	RICH BOY	Rich Boy	47	1
48	47	J MISS	V2	48	1
49	48	MIMS	Music Is My Savior	49	1
50	49	PRETTY RICKY	Late Night Special	50	1
51	50	CHUCK BROWN	We're About The Business	51	1
52	51	LYL WAYNE	Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls	52	1
53	52	THE CENTER II	The Center II	53	1

WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST	ALBUM	PEAK	WEEKS ON CHART
54	53	NE-YO	In My Own Words	54	1
55	54	DIRTY	The Art Of Storytelling	55	1
56	55	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Forever Soul R&B	56	1
57	56	THE NOTORIOUS B.I.G.	Greatest Hits	57	1
58	57	SOUNDTRACK	Dreamgirls	58	1
59	58	T.I.	King	59	1
60	59	TUM TUM	Est Or Get Ate	60	1
61	60	CHRIS BROWN	Chris Brown	61	1
62	61	DIDDY	Press Play	62	1
63	62	BRIAN MCKNIGHT	Ten	63	1
64	63	MARY J. BLIGE	The Breakthrough	64	1
65	64	YOUNG JEEZY	Let's Get It: Thug Motivation 101	65	1
66	65	YOLANDA ADAMS	The Best Of Me	66	1
67	66	CRIME MOB	Hated On Mostly	67	1
68	67	MARY J. BLIGE	Reflections (A Retrospective)	68	1
69	68	ANTHONY HAMILTON	Southern Comfort	69	1
70	69	KEITH SWEAT	Sweet Home Live	70	1
71	70	9BALL & MJG	Rush Hour	71	1

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TOP BLUES ALBUMS

WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST	ALBUM	PEAK	WEEKS ON CHART
1	1	STEVE RAY VAUGHAN AND DOUBLE TROUBLE	The Best Deal: Greatest Hits Vol. 1	1	1
2	2	TAB BENNETT WITH LOUISIANA'S LEROUX	Power Of The Portchartrain	2	1
3	3	KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD	10 Days Out: Blues From The Backroads	3	1
4	4	JOAN ARMATRADE	Into The Blues	4	1
5	5	MOODY WATERS, JOHNNY WINTER, & JAMES COTTON	Breaker! It Up, Breaker! It Down	5	1
6	6	THE PAUL DELAY BAND	The Last Of The Best	6	1
7	7	RUTHIE FOSTER	The Phenomenal Ruthie Foster	7	1
8	8	TINLEY ELLIS	Moment Of Truth	8	1
9	9	WALTER TROUT AND FRIENDS	Full Circle	9	1
10	10	THE DEREK TRUCKS BAND	Sonlines	10	1
11	11	ETTA JAMES	The Definitive Collection	11	1
12	12	JOHN MAYALL AND THE BLUESBREAKERS	In The Prince Of The King	12	1
13	13	DUKE ROBBILARD	Duke Robillard's World Full Of Blues	13	1
14	14	JAMES HUNTER	People Gonna Talk	14	1

MICHELE STRONG IN WEEK TOP 10

In a soft sales week for Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums, Christie Michele emerges with the Greatest Gainer honor as "I Am" garners a respectable 21% uptick (16-9). Sales on R&B Albums are down 47% from last week, as T.I. manages a second week on top despite a 70% slide at core stores.

Priced at \$7.99 at Best Buy, Michele's "I Am" rides the only sales increase in the top 20. On The Billboard 200, Michele climbs 75-58, up 22% among all Nielsen SoundScan stores. Lead single "If I Have My Way" is Greatest Gainer at Adult R&B (13-11), while another single, "Best of Me," dents the Adult Contemporary chart (No. 30). Michele performed July 10 on NBC's "Today" and is touring with Musiq Soulchild.

—Raphaél George



HOT R&B/HIP-HOP AIRPLAY

WEEK	DATE	TITLE	ARTIST (LABEL)	WEEKS ON CHART	PEAK POSITION
1	20	WHEN I SEE U	TEACHME (JIVE)	1	1
2	13	TEACHME	TEACHME (JIVE)	2	1
3	6	MAKE ME BETTER	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	3	1
4	1	SAME GIRL	R. KELLY feat. THE J. JAY (JIVE)	4	1
5	1	UMBRELLA	DAVID NAVARRO feat. JAY-Z (JIVE)	5	1
6	1	PLEASE DON'T GO	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	6	1
7	1	BIG THINGS POPPIN' (DO IT)	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	7	1
8	1	DO YOU	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	8	1
9	1	BUY U A DRINK (SHAWTY SNAPPIN')	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	9	1
10	1	WIFE ME DOWN	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	10	1
11	1	SHAWTY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	11	1
12	1	A BAY BAY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	12	1
13	1	LET IT GO	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	13	1
14	1	BARTENDER	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	14	1
15	1	LIKE THIS	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	15	1
16	1	PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	16	1
17	1	GET ME BODIED	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	17	1
18	1	UNTIL THE END OF TIME	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	18	1
19	1	TAMBOURINE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	19	1
20	1	BEAUTIFUL GIRLS	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	20	1
21	1	KNOWING	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	21	1
22	1	CAN U BEV	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	22	1
23	1	HOW DO I BREATHE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	23	1
24	1	SEXY LADY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	24	1
25	1	CUPID SHUFFLE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	25	1

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1	20	GET ME BODIED	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	1	1
2	13	GET MY WEIGHT UP	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	2	1
3	6	STRONG ARM	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	3	1
4	1	UNTIL YOU COME BACK TO ME	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	4	1
5	1	I GET IT IN	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	5	1
6	1	LIKE THIS	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	6	1
7	1	INSIDE OUT	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	7	1
8	1	OOH WEE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	8	1
9	1	STACKS ON DECK	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	9	1
10	1	I LIKE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	10	1
11	1	WHAT BOYZ LIKE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	11	1
12	1	CASH DROPP	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	12	1
13	1	STEEL DRUMS	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	13	1
14	1	BEAUTIFUL LADY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	14	1
15	1	BOOM D BOOM D	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	15	1
16	1	CHECK ME OUT REMIX (DAMN I LOOK GOOD)	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	16	1
17	1	DAVE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	17	1
18	1	GET TO THE MONEY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	18	1
19	1	KOOL AND	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	19	1
20	1	WHEREVER	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	20	1
21	1	BOSSMAN	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	21	1
22	1	GOT BUMP IN DA TRUNK	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	22	1
23	1	COME OVER	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	23	1
24	1	I'M ON IT	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	24	1
25	1	LEMON TEA	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	25	1

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1	20	IF I WAS YOUR MAN	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	1	1
2	13	LOST WITHOUT U	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	2	1
3	6	CRANK THAT (SOULJA BOY)	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	3	1
4	1	GET IT SHAWTY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	4	1
5	1	POP, LOCK & DROP IT	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	5	1
6	1	BUDDY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	6	1
7	1	IF I HAVE MY WAY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	7	1
8	1	BED	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	8	1
9	1	ANOTHER AGAIN	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	9	1
10	1	MAKE YA FEEL BEAUTIFUL	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	10	1
11	1	CAN'T LEAVE 'EM ALONE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	11	1
12	1	DO JONT	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	12	1
13	1	TATTOO	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	13	1
14	1	BECAUSE OF YOU	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	14	1
15	1	WHAT'S MY NAME	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	15	1
16	1	2 STEP	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	16	1
17	1	CAN'T TELL ME NOTHING	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	17	1
18	1	IN MY SONGS	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	18	1
19	1	I'M A FLIRT	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	19	1
20	1	WALL TO WALL	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	20	1
21	1	ROCK ROY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	21	1
22	1	COFFEE SHOP	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	22	1
23	1	WONDERFUL	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	23	1

WEEK	DATE	TITLE	ARTIST (LABEL)	WEEKS ON CHART	PEAK POSITION
1	20	BEAUTIFUL GIRLS	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	1	1
2	13	PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	2	1
3	6	UMBRELLA	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	3	1
4	1	BARTENDER	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	4	1
5	1	MAKE ME BETTER	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	5	1
6	1	BUY U A DRINK (SHAWTY SNAPPIN')	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	6	1
7	1	A BAY BAY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	7	1
8	1	GET IT SHAWTY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	8	1
9	1	POP, LOCK & DROP IT	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	9	1
10	1	THE WAY I	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	10	1
11	1	LIKE THIS	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	11	1
12	1	LEAN LIKE A CHOLDO	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	12	1
13	1	BIG THINGS POPPIN' (DO IT)	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	13	1
14	1	ROCK ROY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	14	1
15	1	SEXY LADY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	15	1
16	1	CANDY KISSES	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	16	1
17	1	WALL TO WALL	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	17	1
18	1	LET IT GO	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	18	1
19	1	BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	19	1
20	1	SAME GIRL	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	20	1
21	1	LIKE A BOY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	21	1
22	1	DO YOU	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	22	1
23	1	L.I. LOVE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	23	1

WEEK	DATE	TITLE	ARTIST (LABEL)	WEEKS ON CHART	PEAK POSITION
1	20	TEACHME	TEACHME (JIVE)	1	1
2	13	PLEASE DON'T GO	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	2	1
3	6	WHEN I SEE U	TEACHME (JIVE)	3	1
4	1	IF I WAS YOUR MAN	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	4	1
5	1	LOST WITHOUT U	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	5	1
6	1	ANOTHER AGAIN	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	6	1
7	1	WHAT'S MY NAME	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	7	1
8	1	MAKE YA FEEL BEAUTIFUL	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	8	1
9	1	SHAWTY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	9	1
10	1	CONCRETE MIDDLE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	10	1
11	1	BUDDY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	11	1
12	1	IN MY SONGS	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	12	1
13	1	ME	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	13	1
14	1	HOW DO I BREATHE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	14	1
15	1	CUPID SHUFFLE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	15	1
16	1	DO YOU	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	16	1
17	1	2 PIECES	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	17	1
18	1	BLOCK PARTY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	18	1
19	1	STAY WITH ME	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	19	1
20	1	ANYTHING	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	20	1
21	1	WHAT I GOTTA DO	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	21	1
22	1	FUTURE BABY MAMA	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	22	1
23	1	HOW DID YOU KNOW	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	23	1

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1	20	TEACHME	TEACHME (JIVE)	1	1
2	13	PLEASE DON'T GO	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	2	1
3	6	WHEN I SEE U	TEACHME (JIVE)	3	1
4	1	IF I WAS YOUR MAN	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	4	1
5	1	LOST WITHOUT U	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	5	1
6	1	ANOTHER AGAIN	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	6	1
7	1	WHAT'S MY NAME	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	7	1
8	1	MAKE YA FEEL BEAUTIFUL	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	8	1
9	1	SHAWTY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	9	1
10	1	CONCRETE MIDDLE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	10	1
11	1	BUDDY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	11	1
12	1	IN MY SONGS	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	12	1
13	1	ME	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	13	1
14	1	HOW DO I BREATHE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	14	1
15	1	CUPID SHUFFLE	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	15	1
16	1	DO YOU	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	16	1
17	1	2 PIECES	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	17	1
18	1	BLOCK PARTY	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	18	1
19	1	STAY WITH ME	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	19	1
20	1	ANYTHING	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	20	1
21	1	WHAT I GOTTA DO	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	21	1
22	1	FUTURE BABY MAMA	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	22	1
23	1	HOW DID YOU KNOW	THE J. JAY & THE J. JAY (JIVE)	23	1

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**HOT
R&B/HIP-HOP SONGS**

WEEK	DATE	TITLE	ARTIST
1	1/20	I HATE IT SEE U	Fantasia feat. Jay-Z
2	2	TEACHME	Mase Soulchild
3	3	MAKE ME BETTER	Cherelle feat. Mos Def, Mos Def & Williams, Jay-Z, Jay-Z & Nas, & Jay-Z & Nas
4	4	THEY'RE ALL ALICIA J	Wycle D'Garcia
5	5	SAME GIRL	P. Kelly Duet With Ne-Yo
6	6	UMBRELLA	Rihanna Featuring Jay-Z
7	7	PLEASE DON'T GO	Ne-Yo
8	8	GOOD THINGS POPPIN' (OO IT)	T.I.
9	9	DO YOU	Ne-Yo
10	10	BUY U A DRANK (SHAWTY SHAKIN')	T-Pain Featuring Turk Joe
11	11	WINE ME DOWN	Li'l Boosie Featuring Kray & T-Pain
12	12	SHAWTY	Pia F Featuring T-Pain
13	13	A BAY BAY	Hurricane Chris
14	14	GET IT SHAWTY	Beyonce
15	15	LET IT GO	Kashyae Cole Featuring Misty Ellet & Lu Kim
16	16	BAYBAY	T-Pain Featuring Turk Joe
17	17	LIKE THIS	Katy Hazard Featuring Eve
18	18	PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR	Shay Boyz
19	19	UNTIL THE END OF TIME	Julian Timberlake
20	20	TAMBOURINE	Eve
21	21	ANONYMOUS	Bobby Valentino Featuring Tameiland
22	22	CAN U BELIEVE	Robin Thicke
23	23	HOW DO I BREATHE	Mario
24	24	SHAWTY LADY	Yung Berg Featuring Junior
25	25	CUPID SHOOT	Cupid
26	26	IF I WAS YOUR MAN	Joe
27	27	LOST WITHOUT U	Robin Thicke
28	28	CRANK THAT (SOULJA BOY)	Soulja Boy
29	29	GET IT SHAWTY	Lloyd
30	30	POP LOCK & DROP IT	Huly
31	31	BUDDY	Mase Soulchild
32	32	IF I HAVE MY WAY	Christina Michelle
33	33	BED	J. Holiday
34	34	ANOTHER AGONY	John Legend
35	35	MAKE YA FEEL BEAUTIFUL	Ruben Studdard
36	36	HOGG FIGHT	Gorlin Coz
37	37	CAN'T LEAVE ME ALONE	Ne-Yo
38	38	DI DON'T	Garned Leven
39	39	ME	Plus
40	40	TATTOO	The Alliance Featuring Femo
41	41	BECAUSE OF YOU	Ne-Yo
42	42	WHAT'S MY NAME	Brian McKnight
43	43	2 STEP	Ne-Yo
44	44	CAN'T TELL ME NOTHING	Kanye West
45	45	CALL YOUR TEL	Chris Brown



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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHART	TITLE	ARTIST
1	1	1	PRODUCER (SOUNDRIVER) <td>SUPPORT / PROMOTIONS / LABEL</td>	SUPPORT / PROMOTIONS / LABEL

67	71	75	79	83	87	91	95	99	103	107	111	115	119	123	127	131	135	139	143	147	151	155	159	163	167	171	175	179	183	187	191	195	199	203	207	211	215	219	223	227	231	235	239	243	247	251	255	259	263	267	271	275	279	283	287	291	295	299	303	307	311	315	319	323	327	331	335	339	343	347	351	355	359	363	367	371	375	379	383	387	391	395	399	403	407	411	415	419	423	427	431	435	439	443	447	451	455	459	463	467	471	475	479	483	487	491	495	499	503	507	511	515	519	523	527	531	535	539	543	547	551	555	559	563	567	571	575	579	583	587	591	595	599	603	607	611	615	619	623	627	631	635	639	643	647	651	655	659	663	667	671	675	679	683	687	691	695	699	703	707	711	715	719	723	727	731	735	739	743	747	751	755	759	763	767	771	775	779	783	787	791	795	799	803	807	811	815	819	823	827	831	835	839	843	847	851	855	859	863	867	871	875	879	883	887	891	895	899	903	907	911	915	919	923	927	931	935	939	943	947	951	955	959	963	967	971	975	979	983	987	991	995	999																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
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child pockets his fourth Adult R&B by for third on Adult R&B's all-time No. 1 tally.

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WEEK	LAST WEEK	PEAK	WEEKS ON CHART	ARTIST	ALBUM	ARTIST & NUMBER, DISTRIBUTING LABEL (P/W/E)	Title	CERT.
1	1	1	4	BRAD PAISLEY	5th Gear	BRAD PAISLEY/REPRISE (R)	5th Gear	1
2	3	3	3	TAYLOR SWIFT	Taylor Swift	TAYLOR SWIFT/REPRISE (R)	Taylor Swift	2
3	2	2	2	TOBY KEITH	Big Dog Daddy	TOBY KEITH/REPRISE (R)	Big Dog Daddy	1
4	4	4	4	CARRIE UNDERWOOD	Some Hearts	CARRIE UNDERWOOD/REPRISE (R)	Some Hearts	1
5	5	5	5	BIG & RICH	Between Raising Hell And Amazing Grace	BIG & RICH/REPRISE (R)	Between Raising Hell And Amazing Grace	1
6	7	18	18	SHANE & TIM MCGRAW	Let It Go	SHANE & TIM MCGRAW/REPRISE (R)	Let It Go	1
7	6	6	6	JASON ALDEAN	Relentless	JASON ALDEAN/REPRISE (R)	Relentless	1
8	8	8	8	RASCAL FLATTS	Me And My Gang	RASCAL FLATTS/REPRISE (R)	Me And My Gang	1
9	9	9	9	SUGARLAND	Enjoy The Ride	SUGARLAND/REPRISE (R)	Enjoy The Ride	1
10	13	13	13	KEITH URBAN	Love, Pain & The Whole Crazy Thing	KEITH URBAN/REPRISE (R)	Love, Pain & The Whole Crazy Thing	1
11	12	11	11	BUCKY COVINGTON	Bucky Covington	BUCKY COVINGTON/REPRISE (R)	Bucky Covington	1
12	11	10	10	ALISON KRAUSS	A Hundred Miles Or More: A Collection	ALISON KRAUSS/REPRISE (R)	A Hundred Miles Or More: A Collection	1
13	16	20	20	TRACY LAWRENCE	Greatest Hits Vol. 2: Reflected	TRACY LAWRENCE/REPRISE (R)	Greatest Hits Vol. 2: Reflected	1
14	14	16	16	ROONEY ATKINS	If You're Going Through Hell	ROONEY ATKINS/REPRISE (R)	If You're Going Through Hell	1
15	15	14	14	TRACY LAWRENCE	For The Love	TRACY LAWRENCE/REPRISE (R)	For The Love	1
16	13	15	15	MARTINA MCBRIDE	Waking Up Laughing	MARTINA MCBRIDE/REPRISE (R)	Waking Up Laughing	1
17	17	17	17	LITTLE BIG TOWN	The Road To Here	LITTLE BIG TOWN/REPRISE (R)	The Road To Here	1
18	16	19	19	MIRANDA LAMBERT	Crazy Ex-Girlfriends	MIRANDA LAMBERT/REPRISE (R)	Crazy Ex-Girlfriends	1
19	21	21	21	BILLY CURRINGTON	Don't Somethin' Right	BILLY CURRINGTON/REPRISE (R)	Don't Somethin' Right	1
20	22	22	22	JOHN TURNER	Your Man	JOHN TURNER/REPRISE (R)	Your Man	1
21	23	23	23	BRAD PAISLEY	Time Well Wasted	BRAD PAISLEY/REPRISE (R)	Time Well Wasted	1
22	25	25	25	BLAKE SHELTON	Pure BS	BLAKE SHELTON/REPRISE (R)	Pure BS	1
23	21	25	25	ERIC CHURCH	Smokers Like Me	ERIC CHURCH/REPRISE (R)	Smokers Like Me	1
24	27	27	27	GEORGE STRAIT	It Just Comes Natural	GEORGE STRAIT/REPRISE (R)	It Just Comes Natural	1
25	24	24	24	GARY ALLEN	Greatest Hits	GARY ALLEN/REPRISE (R)	Greatest Hits	1
26	17	26	26	DREICHER WILSON	One Of The Boys	DREICHER WILSON/REPRISE (R)	One Of The Boys	1
27	28	28	28	DIANE BENTLEY	Long Trip Alone	DIANE BENTLEY/REPRISE (R)	Long Trip Alone	1
28	28	28	28	KELLIE PICKLER	Small Town Girl	KELLIE PICKLER/REPRISE (R)	Small Town Girl	1
29	29	29	29	TRACY LAWRENCE	The Very Best Of Tracy Lawrence	TRACY LAWRENCE/REPRISE (R)	The Very Best Of Tracy Lawrence	1
30	27	29	29	MONTGOMERY GENTRY	Some People Change	MONTGOMERY GENTRY/REPRISE (R)	Some People Change	1
31	30	30	30	JASON ALDEAN	Jason Aldean	JASON ALDEAN/REPRISE (R)	Jason Aldean	1
32	34	34	34	JAKE OWEN	Startin' With Me	JAKE OWEN/REPRISE (R)	Startin' With Me	1
33	35	35	35	TRACY ADKINS	Dangerous Man	TRACY ADKINS/REPRISE (R)	Dangerous Man	1
34	35	35	35	JASON MICHAEL CARROLL	Waitin' In The Country	JASON MICHAEL CARROLL/REPRISE (R)	Waitin' In The Country	1
35	32	32	32	FAITH HILL	Fireflies	FAITH HILL/REPRISE (R)	Fireflies	1
36	32	32	32	KENNY CHESNEY	The Road And The Radio	KENNY CHESNEY/REPRISE (R)	The Road And The Radio	1
37	37	37	37	DIVINE CHICKS	Taking The Long Way	DIVINE CHICKS/REPRISE (R)	Taking The Long Way	1
38	36	36	36	ALAN JACKSON	Presious Memories	ALAN JACKSON/REPRISE (R)	Presious Memories	1
39	38	38	38	EMERSON DRIVE	Countrified	EMERSON DRIVE/REPRISE (R)	Countrified	1
40	40	40	40	HANK WILLIAMS JR.	That's How They Do It In Dixie: The Essential Collection	HANK WILLIAMS JR./REPRISE (R)	That's How They Do It In Dixie: The Essential Collection	1
41	39	41	41	CLAY WALKER	Fail	CLAY WALKER/REPRISE (R)	Fail	1
42	42	42	42	COLE DEGGES & THE LONESOME	Cole Degges & The Lonesome	COLE DEGGES & THE LONESOME/REPRISE (R)	Cole Degges & The Lonesome	1
43	42	42	42	LARRY THE CABLE GUY	Morning Confessions	LARRY THE CABLE GUY/REPRISE (R)	Morning Confessions	1
44	44	44	44	ALAN JACKSON & GEORGE STRAIT/JIMMY BUFFETT	Live At Texas Stadium	ALAN JACKSON & GEORGE STRAIT/JIMMY BUFFETT/REPRISE (R)	Live At Texas Stadium	1
45	43	43	43	BROOKS & DUNN	Hillbilly Delia	BROOKS & DUNN/REPRISE (R)	Hillbilly Delia	1
46	45	45	45	THE WIRECKERS	Stand Still, Look Pretty	THE WIRECKERS/REPRISE (R)	Stand Still, Look Pretty	1
47	45	45	45	ALAN JACKSON	Like Red On A Rose	ALAN JACKSON/REPRISE (R)	Like Red On A Rose	1
48	46	46	46	KENNY CHESNEY	LIVE: Live Those Songs Away	KENNY CHESNEY/REPRISE (R)	LIVE: Live Those Songs Away	1
49	46	46	46	JOHNNY CASH	The Legend Of Johnny Cash	JOHNNY CASH/REPRISE (R)	The Legend Of Johnny Cash	1
50	49	49	49	CRISTY MORGAN	Little Bit Of Love	CRISTY MORGAN/REPRISE (R)	Little Bit Of Love	1
51	48	48	48	REBA MCKENTIE	Reba: It's	REBA MCKENTIE/REPRISE (R)	Reba: It's	1
52	50	50	50	RODNEY CARRINGTON	King Of The Mountains	RODNEY CARRINGTON/REPRISE (R)	King Of The Mountains	1
53	54	54	54	BOB DYLAN	Walk The Line	BOB DYLAN/REPRISE (R)	Walk The Line	1
54	55	55	55	BIG & RICH	Comin' To Your City	BIG & RICH/REPRISE (R)	Comin' To Your City	1
55	55	55	55	TRAVIS TRITT	The Very Best Of Travis Tritt	TRAVIS TRITT/REPRISE (R)	The Very Best Of Travis Tritt	1

WEEK	LAST WEEK	PEAK	WEEKS ON CHART	ARTIST	ALBUM	ARTIST & NUMBER, DISTRIBUTING LABEL (P/W/E)	Title	CERT.
1	1	1	1	JACK INGRAM	This Is It	JACK INGRAM/REPRISE (R)	This Is It	1
2	2	2	2	JOE NICOLS	Various Artists	JOE NICOLS/REPRISE (R)	Various Artists	1
3	3	3	3	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Three Wooden Crosses	VARIOUS ARTISTS/REPRISE (R)	Three Wooden Crosses	1
4	4	4	4	JASON MEADORS	100% Cowboy	JASON MEADORS/REPRISE (R)	100% Cowboy	1
5	5	5	5	JOHNNY CASH	JC: Johnny Cash	JOHNNY CASH/REPRISE (R)	JC: Johnny Cash	1
6	6	6	6	KENNY ROGERS	Kenny Rogers	KENNY ROGERS/REPRISE (R)	Kenny Rogers	1
7	7	7	7	TRENT TOMLINSON	Country Is My Rock	TRENT TOMLINSON/REPRISE (R)	Country Is My Rock	1
8	8	8	8	RICKY SKAGGS & BRUCE HORNSBY	Ricky Skaggs & Bruce Hornsby	RICKY SKAGGS & BRUCE HORNSBY/REPRISE (R)	Ricky Skaggs & Bruce Hornsby	1
9	9	9	9	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Totally Country	VARIOUS ARTISTS/REPRISE (R)	Totally Country	1
10	10	10	10	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Forever Country	VARIOUS ARTISTS/REPRISE (R)	Forever Country	1
11	11	11	11	SOUNDTRACK	Broken Bridges	SOUNDTRACK/REPRISE (R)	Broken Bridges	1
12	12	12	12	KENNY ROGERS	21 Number Ones	KENNY ROGERS/REPRISE (R)	21 Number Ones	1
13	13	13	13	JIMMY BUFFETT	Take The Weather With You	JIMMY BUFFETT/REPRISE (R)	Take The Weather With You	1
14	14	14	14	TOBY KEITH	Transfected From Love	TOBY KEITH/REPRISE (R)	Transfected From Love	1
15	15	15	15	COWBOY TROY	White Trash With Money	COWBOY TROY/REPRISE (R)	White Trash With Money	1
16	16	16	16	MONTGOMERY GENTRY	Black In The Saddle	MONTGOMERY GENTRY/REPRISE (R)	Black In The Saddle	1
17	17	17	17	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Something To Be Proud Of: The Best Of 1990-2005	VARIOUS ARTISTS/REPRISE (R)	Something To Be Proud Of: The Best Of 1990-2005	1
18	18	18	18	MARTINA MCBRIDE	Timeless	MARTINA MCBRIDE/REPRISE (R)	Timeless	1
19	19	19	19	VINCE GILL	The Very Best Of Vince Gill: 20th Century Masters The Millennium Collection	VINCE GILL/REPRISE (R)	The Very Best Of Vince Gill: 20th Century Masters The Millennium Collection	1
20	20	20	20	HEARTLAND	I Loved Her First	HEARTLAND/REPRISE (R)	I Loved Her First	1

TOP BLUEGRASS ALBUMS

WEEK	LAST WEEK	PEAK	WEEKS ON CHART	ARTIST	ALBUM	ARTIST & NUMBER, DISTRIBUTING LABEL (P/W/E)	Title	CERT.
1	1	1	1	RICKY SKAGGS & BRUCE HORNSBY	Ricky Skaggs & Bruce Hornsby	RICKY SKAGGS & BRUCE HORNSBY/REPRISE (R)	Ricky Skaggs & Bruce Hornsby	1
2	2	2	2	NICKEL CREEK	Reasons Why (The Very Best)	NICKEL CREEK/REPRISE (R)	Reasons Why (The Very Best)	1
3	3	3	3	THE GREEN CARDS	Veridian	THE GREEN CARDS/REPRISE (R)	Veridian	1
4	4	4	4	THE GRASCALS	Long List Of Heartaches	THE GRASCALS/REPRISE (R)	Long List Of Heartaches	1
5	5	5	5	OLD CROW MEDICINE SHOW	Big From World	OLD CROW MEDICINE SHOW/REPRISE (R)	Big From World	1
6	6	6	6	SOUNDTRACK	A Prairie Home Companion	SOUNDTRACK/REPRISE (R)	A Prairie Home Companion	1
7	7	7	7	CHERRYHOLMES	Cherryholmes II: Black And White	CHERRYHOLMES/REPRISE (R)	Cherryholmes II: Black And White	1
8	8	8	8	THE WALKIN' JENNYS	Freecracker	THE WALKIN' JENNYS/REPRISE (R)	Freecracker	1
9	9	9	9	NICKEL CREEK	Why Should The Fire Die?	NICKEL CREEK/REPRISE (R)	Why Should The Fire Die?	1
10	10	10	10	DOYLE LAWSON & QUICKSILVER	More Behind The Picture Than The Well	DOYLE LAWSON & QUICKSILVER/REPRISE (R)	More Behind The Picture Than The Well	1
11	11	11	11	RICKY SKAGGS & KENTUCKY THUNDER	Instrumentals	RICKY SKAGGS & KENTUCKY THUNDER/REPRISE (R)	Instrumentals	1
12	12	12	12	RALPH STANLEY	Don't Get A Remindin' Mind	RALPH STANLEY/REPRISE (R)	Don't Get A Remindin' Mind	1
13	13	13	13	KING WILKIE	Mountain Preacher's Child	KING WILKIE/REPRISE (R)	Mountain Preacher's Child	1
14	14	14	14	VARIOUS ARTISTS	Sound Traditions: Appalachian Mountain Bluegrass: 30 Vintage Classics	VARIOUS ARTISTS/REPRISE (R)	Sound Traditions: Appalachian Mountain Bluegrass: 30 Vintage Classics	1

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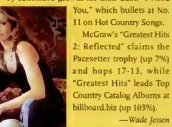
Tim McGraw's tour with wife Faith Hill continues to draw well, with the tracking week for this issue's charts including concert stops in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Mich.; East Rutherford, N.J.; and Chicago. One of the Chicago dates was followed by a well-attended House of Blues show.

The upticks in those markets alone account for 30% of the overall rise on "Let It Go," good for Great-

er Galner honors on Top Country Albums (up 1,000) as it steps 7-6. The album is helped, too, by continued growth for their duet. "I Need You," which bullets at No. 11 on Hot Country Songs.

McGraw's "Greatest Hits 2: Reflected" claims the Pacesetter trophy (up 7%) and hops 17-13, while "Greatest Hits" leads Top Country Catalog Albums at billboard.biz (up 103%).

—Wade Jensen



HOT LATIN SONGS

WEEK	LAST WEEK	PEAK	TITLE	ARTIST	WEEKS ON CHART
1	1	1	GRATIAS DIEMLO "Gracias a Dios" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Enrique Iglesias	1
2	2	2	FOR AMARTE ASI "Cien Veces" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Alcazar Music	1
3	3	3	MIL HERIDAS "Mil Heridas" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Cristian	1
4	4	4	QUALA "Quala" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1
5	5	5	DE TI EXCLUSIVO "De Ti Exclusivo" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	La Arrolladora Banda El Limón	1
6	6	6	MIL CORAZONCITO "Mil Corazoncito" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Aventura	1
7	7	7	ESO Y MAS "Eso y Mas" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Juan Sebastian	1
8	8	8	QUE ME DES DE CARINO "Que Me Des de Carino" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Juan Luis Guerra & J. Torres	1
9	9	9	NO TE VEO "No Te Veo" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Casa de Leonos	1
10	10	10	A TI SI PUEDO DECIRTE "A Ti Si Puedo Decirte" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	El Chopo de Leonos	1
11	11	11	LAGRIMAS DEL CORAZON "Lagrimas del Corazon" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Grupo Montecarlo de Durango	1
12	12	12	IGUAL QUE AYER "Igual Que Ayer" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	R.K.M. & Ken-Y	1
13	13	13	TE VOY A PERDER "Te Voy a Perder" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Alperces Fernandez	1
14	14	14	BASTA YA "Basta Ya" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Coronel Primavera	1
15	15	15	QUALA PUEDERA BORRANTE "Quala Puedera Borrante" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Maria	1
16	16	16	SI NOS QUEDARA POCO TIEMPO "Si Nos Quedara Poco Tiempo" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Chayenne	1
17	17	17	DAME UN BESO "Dame Un Beso" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Imbolce	1
18	18	18	TODOS CAMBIO "Todos Cambio" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Carla	1
19	19	19	SIEMPRE EL BOMBO "Siempre El Bombo" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Trio El Bambino	1
20	20	20	Y SI TE DIERA MI CORAZON "Y Si Te Diera Mi Corazon" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Fanny La	1
21	21	21	OLVIDATE TU "Olvidate Tu" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Dueto	1
22	22	22	IMPACTO "Impacto" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Daddy Yankee	1
23	23	23	THE WAY SHE MOVES "The Way She Moves" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Zion	1
24	24	24	MIRAME "Mirame" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	Jenni Rivera	1
25	25	25	TORRE DE MARCEL "Torre de Marcel" (feat. J. Balvin & J. Torres) (Latin) (Dance)	David Byrne	1

TOP LATIN ALBUMS

WEEK	LAST WEEK	PEAK	TITLE	ARTIST	WEEKS ON CHART
1	1	1	GRUPO MONTES DE DURANGO "Apercebo" (Latin) (Dance)	Alcazar Music	1
2	2	2	DADDY YANKEE "El Carcel: The Big Boss" (Latin) (Dance)	Daddy Yankee	1
3	3	3	EL CHAPO DE SINALOA "Historia De Un Solo" (Latin) (Dance)	El Chapo de Leonos	1
4	4	4	CHRISTIAN CASTRO "El Indomable" (Latin) (Dance)	Christian	1
5	5	5	ALEJANDRO FERNANDEZ "Viento A Favor" (Latin) (Dance)	Alejandro Fernandez	1
6	6	6	AVENTURA "R.O.B.: Live" (Latin) (Dance)	Aventura	1
7	7	7	MARCOS ANTONIO SOLIS "La Mayor..." (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1
8	8	8	ALCAZAR'S MUSICAL "Ahor y Siempre" (Latin) (Dance)	Alcazar Music	1
9	9	9	RBO "The Perfect Melody" (Latin) (Dance)	RBO	1
10	10	10	DUELO "En Las Manos De Un Angel" (Latin) (Dance)	Duelo	1
11	11	11	CAMILA "Todo Cambio" (Latin) (Dance)	Camila	1
12	12	12	LOS BUKIS "30 Recuerdos Inolvidables" (Latin) (Dance)	Los Bukis	1
13	13	13	VALIENTE "Mil Urmas Bohemia" (Latin) (Dance)	Valiente	1
14	14	14	THE PERFECT MELODY "The Perfect Melody" (Latin) (Dance)	RBO	1
15	15	15	LA MAYOR... "La Mayor..." (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1
16	16	16	LA MAYOR... "La Mayor..." (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1
17	17	17	LA MAYOR... "La Mayor..." (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1
18	18	18	LA MAYOR... "La Mayor..." (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1
19	19	19	LA MAYOR... "La Mayor..." (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1
20	20	20	LA MAYOR... "La Mayor..." (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1
21	21	21	LA MAYOR... "La Mayor..." (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1
22	22	22	LA MAYOR... "La Mayor..." (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1
23	23	23	LA MAYOR... "La Mayor..." (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1
24	24	24	LA MAYOR... "La Mayor..." (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1
25	25	25	LA MAYOR... "La Mayor..." (Latin) (Dance)	Marcos Antonio Solis	1

LATIN AIRPLAY POP.

WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	PRODUCTION LABEL
1	DAMELO	ENRIQUE VILLALBA (UNIVERSAL LATINO)	
2	TE VOY A PERDER	ALVARO PERAZA (JIVE MUSIC)	
3	QUALA PODIERA BORRANTE	ANA GABRIEL (JIVE MUSIC)	
4	TODOS CAMBIO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
5	QUE ME DES TU CARINO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
6	SI NOS QUEDARA UNO TPO TEMPO	CHABARIL (JIVE MUSIC)	
7	QUEEN	ALVARO PERAZA (JIVE MUSIC)	
8	ME MUERO	LA MACHONERA (JIVE MUSIC)	
9	LO MEJOR DE TU VIDA	ALVARO PERAZA (JIVE MUSIC)	
10	BENDITO TU LUZ	ALVARO PERAZA (JIVE MUSIC)	
11	PERDONAME EN SILENCIO	HELENA (JIVE MUSIC)	
12	BELLA TRACIION	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
13	TORRE DE BABEL	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
14	YO TENGO GANAS DE TI	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
15	AHORA QUE TE VAS	LA MACHONERA (JIVE MUSIC)	

RHYTHM.

WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	PRODUCTION LABEL
1	IGUAL QUE AYER	F.L.M. & JIVE (UNIVERSAL LATINO)	
2	NO TE VUELO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
3	MI CORAZON	ALVARO PERAZA (JIVE MUSIC)	
4	IMPACTO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
5	THE WAY SHE MOVES	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
6	SIEN TE EL BOOM	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
7	YO TE QUIERO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
8	QUIZAS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
9	LLORARAS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
10	NUESTRO AMOR ES ASI	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
11	ZUN DADA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
12	APARENTEMENTE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
13	AYER LA VI	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
14	QUE LOOREN	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
15	SOLA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	

REGIONAL MEXICAN.

WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	PRODUCTION LABEL
1	POR AMARTE ASI	ALVARO PERAZA (JIVE MUSIC)	
2	MIL HERAS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
3	DE TI EXCLUSIVO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
4	A TI SI PUEDIO DECIRTE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
5	LAGRIMAS DEL CORAZON	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
6	ESO Y MAS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
7	DAME UN BESO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
8	BASTA YA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
9	OLVIDATE TU	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
10	MIRAME	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
11	QUALA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
12	CADA VEZ QUE PIERNO EN TI	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
13	SI VOLVIERA A MACER	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
14	LAGRIMAS DE SANGRE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
15	UN JUEGO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	

LATIN ALBUMS POP.

WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	PRODUCTION LABEL
1	ALEJANDRO FERNANDEZ	ALVARO PERAZA (JIVE MUSIC)	
2	MARCO ANTONIO SOLIS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
3	RDO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
4	CAMILA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
5	MANA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
6	ANITA GABRIEL	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
7	ROBERTO CARLOS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
8	JENNIFER LOPEZ	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
9	YOLANDITA MONTE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
10	REINADO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
11	ANA GABRIEL	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
12	CHAYANE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
13	JULIETA VENEGAS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
14	LA SA ESTACION	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	

RHYTHM.

WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	PRODUCTION LABEL
1	DADDY YANKEE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
2	ZION	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
3	LUNY TUNES & TAINY	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
4	DON OMAR	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
5	IVY QUEEN	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
6	AKWID	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
7	CALLIE 13	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
8	WAGNE & YANDEL	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
9	R.K.M. & KENY	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
10	VARIOUS ARTISTS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
11	CASA DE LEONES	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
12	R.K.M. & KENY	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
13	NOTCH	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
14	KINTO SOL	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	

REGIONAL MEXICAN.

WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	PRODUCTION LABEL
1	GRUPO MONTEZ DE DURANGO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
2	EL CHAPO DE SINALOA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
3	VICENTE FERNANDEZ	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
4	ALCARRANES MUSICAL	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
5	DUELO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
6	LOS SUKIS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
7	VALENTIN ELZALDE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
8	BANDA ARKANGEL R-15	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
9	LOS RUMOS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
10	BRASEROS MUSICAL DE DURANGO	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
11	CONJUNTO PRIMAVERA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
12	LOS RIELEROS DEL NORTE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
13	LOS TUCANES DE TIJUANA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
14	SERGIO VEGA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	

HOT DANCE CLUB PLAY.

WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	PRODUCTION LABEL
1	COLLEDCOASTER	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
2	MAKES ME WONDER	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
3	STAND BACK	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
4	GO YOU KNOW (THE PINK PINK SONG)	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
5	WHINE UP	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
6	STRANGER	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
7	DEFYING GRAVITY	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
8	BECAUSE OF YOU	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
9	UMBRELLA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
10	SOUND OF FREEDOM	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
11	LOST AND FOUND	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
12	RAPTURE 2007	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
13	TIME	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
14	4 IN THE MORNING	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
15	LIKE THIS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
16	SO FAR	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
17	CAN'T KEEP IT A SECRET	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
18	ALL AROUND THE WORLD	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
19	I JUST DIED IN YOUR ARMS TONIGHT	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
20	LIVE, LIVE, DANCE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
21	LIKE A BOY	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
22	I CAN'T WAIT	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
23	NEVER AGAIN	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	

TOP ELECTRONIC ALBUMS.

WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	PRODUCTION LABEL
1	JUSTICE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
2	LCD SOUNDSYSTEM	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
3	CHARLES BARKLEY	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
4	IMOGEN HEAL	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
5	VIOLIN	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
6	THE COUNTDOWN SINGERS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
7	DIGITALISM	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
8	JOHN BUZZ & CATO K	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
9	ULRICH SCHNAUSS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
10	RABBIT IN THE MOON	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
11	MADONNA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
12	DEFINITE MONK	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
13	ARMIN VAN BUUREN	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
14	MOCEAN WORKER	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
15	JOHN BUZZ & CATO K	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
16	VARIOUS ARTISTS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
17	DAFT PUNK	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
18	MAPS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
19	SOUNDTRACK	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
20	THE RIDDLER & TREVOR SIMPSON	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
21	VARIOUS ARTISTS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
22	CASCADA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	

HOT DANCE AIRPLAY.

WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	PRODUCTION LABEL
1	UMBRELLA	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
2	MAKES ME WONDER	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
3	WHINE UP	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
4	FEEL THE WORLD	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
5	THE WORLD IS MINE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
6	STRANGER	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
7	WANT YOU	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
8	CRY FOR YOU	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
9	REBORN	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
10	LIKE A BOY	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
11	ALL OF YOUR LOVE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
12	CHANGES	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
13	WORLD HITS (GONE TO AN END)	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
14	BECAUSE OF YOU	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
15	I THINK I'M FALLING IN LOVE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
16	WITH LOVE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
17	CAN'T TAKE IT	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
18	GLAMOROUS	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
19	DO NOT STOP THE MUSIC	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	
20	LOVE IS GONE	JOSE (JIVE MUSIC)	

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HITS OF THE WORLD **Billboard**

JAPAN		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	NEW	REIZO HAYASHI (JAPAN) MUSIC (FIRST LTD VERSION) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	NEW	OSCA TORE JINJI TORI JINJI JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	NEW	YUKI KAWANO (JAPAN) YUKI KAWANO (JAPAN) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	NEW	HANA UTA YUKI KAWANO (JAPAN) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	NEW	MATA KIMI NI AERU YUKI KAWANO (JAPAN) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	NEW	FREELY DAY YUKI KAWANO (JAPAN) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	3	JIVE (FIRST LTD VERSION) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	7	MI UTA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	8	GREEN (JAPAN) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	9	PREVIEW (CD+DVD) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
11	10	ICHIGO ICHIE JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

FRANCE		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	DOUBLE JE JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	DE TEMPS EN TEMPS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	DE TEMPS EN TEMPS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	DE TEMPS EN TEMPS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	DE TEMPS EN TEMPS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	DE TEMPS EN TEMPS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	DE TEMPS EN TEMPS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	DE TEMPS EN TEMPS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	DE TEMPS EN TEMPS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
11	11	DE TEMPS EN TEMPS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

ITALY		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	VASCO DONTEN PLAY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	THE SINGLES COLLECTION TOP EDITION JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
11	11	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

NORWAY		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	PUSH PUSH JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	TIDLOS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
11	11	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

UNITED KINGDOM		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	BIG GIRLS DONT CRY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	FOUNDATIONS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	THE WAY I ARE JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	FLUORESCENT ADOLESCENT JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	WHEN YOU'RE GONE JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	DO YOU KNOW? (THE PING PONG SONG) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	WORRIED ABOUT RAY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	TEENAGERS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	SOLMATE JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

AUSTRALIA		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	BIG GIRLS DONT CRY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	DANCE FLOOR ANTHEM JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	DESTINATION CALABRIA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	THE WAY I ARE JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	WHEN YOU'RE GONE JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	DO YOU KNOW? (THE PING PONG SONG) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	WORRIED ABOUT RAY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	TEENAGERS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	SOLMATE JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

SPAIN		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	MISS SANCHEZ REMIXES JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	HOT SUMMER NIGHT (OH LA LA) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	LOS RAFEROS NUNCA NUERAN JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	LET'S WORK/STORIES OF TORTUGA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	DO IT AGAIN JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	JUANA KALAMANDI JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	GUARDAME UN SECRETO JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	MICROMANIA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	KOMA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	HIMNO OFICIAL DEL SEVILLA FC JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

DENMARK		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	THE WAY I ARE JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	LOMMEN FULD AF GULD JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	ET SIDSTE KYS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	BIG GIRLS DONT CRY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	BOV JOVI JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	RUNGIG JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	JOHNNY LOGAN JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	RIHANNNA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	RIHANNNA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

GERMANY		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	HOT SUMMER JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	YOU CAN GET IT JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	VAYAMOS COMPAÑEROS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	DEAR MR. PRESIDENT JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	BIG GIRLS DONT CRY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	VOM SELBEN STERN JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	DO YOU KNOW? (THE PING PONG SONG) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	AMOR GITANO JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

CANADA		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	BIG GIRLS DONT CRY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	HEY THERE DELIAH JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	THE WAY I ARE JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	WHEN YOU'RE GONE JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	DO YOU KNOW? (THE PING PONG SONG) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	WORRIED ABOUT RAY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	TEENAGERS JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	SOLMATE JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	ALL GOOD THINGS (COME TO AN END) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

THE NETHERLANDS		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	BLIJF BIJ MI JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	JOHNNY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	DO YOU KNOW? (THE PING PONG SONG) JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	RELAX TAKE IT EASY JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	YOU CAN GET IT JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

MEXICO		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

EURO		
DIGITAL TRACKS		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

AUSTRIA		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

GREECE		
SINGLES		
WEEK	LAST WEEK	ARTIST / SONG
1	1	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
2	2	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
3	3	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
4	4	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
5	5	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
6	6	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
7	7	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
8	8	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
9	9	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY
10	10	UMBRELLA JIVE / JIVE FACTORY

EURO

EUROCHARTS

SINGLE SALES

WEEK	LAST	ARTIST	SONG	WEEKS ON CHART	EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
1	1	UMBRELLA	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
2	2	RELAX TAKE IT EASY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
3	3	BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
4	4	DO YOU KNOW? (THE PING PONG SONG)	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
5	5	THE WAY I ARE	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
6	6	HOT SUMMER	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
7	7	DOUBLE JE	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
8	8	DE TEMPS EN TEMPS	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
9	9	YOU CAN GET IT	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
10	10	SAY IT RIGHT	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
11	11	WHEN YOU'RE GONE	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
12	12	FOUNDATIONS	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
13	13	IS LOVE GONE	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
14	14	BEAUTIFUL LIA	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
15	15	YAYAYAY COMPANIONS	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10

ALBUMS

WEEK	LAST	ARTIST	SONG	WEEKS ON CHART	EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
1	1	NELLY FURTADO	LOVE INTO ME	10	10
2	2	SMASHING PUMPKINS	DEAD ON SILENCE	10	10
3	3	INTERPOL	DO YOU KNOW? (THE PING PONG SONG)	10	10
4	4	BON JOVI	LOVE INTO ME	10	10
5	5	MIKA	LOVE INTO ME	10	10
6	6	RINôçEROS	LOVE INTO ME	10	10
7	7	TRAVELING WILLBURNS	LOVE INTO ME	10	10
8	8	LINKIN PARK	LOVE INTO ME	10	10
9	9	LAKE	LOVE INTO ME	10	10
10	10	THE CHEMICAL BROTHERS	LOVE INTO ME	10	10
11	11	ENEMY	LOVE INTO ME	10	10
12	12	AMY WINEHOUSE	LOVE INTO ME	10	10
13	13	MICHAEL BUBLE	LOVE INTO ME	10	10
14	14	TOCOTRONIC	LOVE INTO ME	10	10
15	15	EXPERIMENTAL	LOVE INTO ME	10	10

RADIO AIRPLAY

WEEK	LAST	ARTIST	SONG	WEEKS ON CHART	EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
1	1	UMBRELLA	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
2	2	SAY IT RIGHT	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
3	3	RELAX TAKE IT EASY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
4	4	DO YOU KNOW? (THE PING PONG SONG)	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
5	5	THE WAY I ARE	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
6	6	HOT SUMMER	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
7	7	DOUBLE JE	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
8	8	DE TEMPS EN TEMPS	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
9	9	YOU CAN GET IT	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
10	10	SAY IT RIGHT	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
11	11	WHEN YOU'RE GONE	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
12	12	FOUNDATIONS	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
13	13	IS LOVE GONE	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
14	14	BEAUTIFUL LIA	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
15	15	YAYAYAY COMPANIONS	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10

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TOP CHRISTIAN

WEEK	LAST	ARTIST	SONG	WEEKS ON CHART	EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
1	1	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
2	2	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
3	3	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
4	4	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
5	5	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
6	6	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
7	7	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
8	8	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
9	9	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
10	10	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
11	11	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
12	12	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
13	13	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
14	14	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
15	15	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10

WEEK	LAST	ARTIST	SONG	WEEKS ON CHART	EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
1	1	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
2	2	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
3	3	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
4	4	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
5	5	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
6	6	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
7	7	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
8	8	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
9	9	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
10	10	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
11	11	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
12	12	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
13	13	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
14	14	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
15	15	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10

TOP POP

WEEK	LAST	ARTIST	SONG	WEEKS ON CHART	EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
1	1	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
2	2	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
3	3	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
4	4	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
5	5	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
6	6	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
7	7	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
8	8	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
9	9	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
10	10	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
11	11	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
12	12	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
13	13	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
14	14	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
15	15	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10

WEEK	LAST	ARTIST	SONG	WEEKS ON CHART	EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
1	1	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
2	2	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
3	3	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
4	4	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
5	5	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
6	6	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
7	7	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
8	8	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
9	9	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
10	10	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
11	11	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
12	12	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
13	13	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
14	14	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10
15	15	THE ALBANY	WOMAN IZ (feat. JAY-Z)	10	10

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**TOP
MUSIC VIDEOS**

DATE	TIME	TITLE	Principal Performer
1	2:10	#1 DESTROYING LABEL & NUMBER (PRICE) GREATEST HITS KID ROCK & THE LOVIN' SENSATION MUSIC VIDEO 1973 (1:38:58 DVD)	Creed
2	10	FAREWELL 1 TOUR: LIVE FROM MELBOURNE KID ROCK & THE LOVIN' SENSATION MUSIC VIDEO 1993 (2:06:40 DVD)	Engle
3	NEW	NEW WAVE KID ROCK & THE LOVIN' SENSATION MUSIC VIDEO 1984 (1:24:00 DVD)	Agostini M
4	18	ROCKET MAN: NUMBER ONE MICHAEL JACKSON & THE JACKSONS MUSIC VIDEO 1987 (1:00:00 DVD 15 CD BOX)	Eric John
5	18	MINDCHINE AT THE MOORE DANNY LEE & JENNIFER MOORE MUSIC VIDEO 1979 (2:58:50 DVD)	Quaresima
6	10	THE WALL: LIVE IN BERLIN PINK FLOYD MUSIC VIDEO 1982 (2:00:30 DVD)	Roger Watson
7	18	THE BEST OF PATTERA, FAR BEYOND THE GREAT SOUTHERN COWBOYS VULGAR HITS PATTERA MUSIC VIDEO 1984 (1:48:00 DVD)	Patterson
8	18	PAST PRESENT & FUTURE KID ROCK & THE LOVIN' SENSATION MUSIC VIDEO 1987 (1:00:00 DVD)	Rob Zombie
9	6	COME WHAT(EVER) MAY KID ROCK & THE LOVIN' SENSATION MUSIC VIDEO 1987 (1:00:00 DVD)	Steve Saut
10	7	LIVE IN DUBLIN BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN & THE SEASONS BAND MUSIC VIDEO 1993 (1:52:27 DVD)	Bruce Springsteen With The Seasons Band
11	28	GET READY: THE DEFINITIVE PERFORMANCE 1965-1972 THE TEMPTATIONS MUSIC VIDEO 1972 (1:00:00 DVD)	The Temptations
12	18	ELVIS LIVES: THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT ELVIS PRESLEY MUSIC VIDEO 1970 (1:40:00 DVD)	Elvis Presley
13	6	LIVE IN OHO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MUSIC VIDEO 1967 (1:00:00 DVD)	Marionettes Musical
14	13	LIVE IN OHO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MUSIC VIDEO 1967 (1:00:00 DVD)	Marco Antonio Sola Los Lobos
15	10	PULSE THE BEATLES MUSIC VIDEO 1965 (1:17:00 DVD)	Pink Floyd
16	15	SWEAT HOTEL LIVE THE BEATLES MUSIC VIDEO 1965 (1:17:00 DVD)	Kath Serval
17	NEW	THE COMPLEX ROCK TOUR LIVE THE BEATLES MUSIC VIDEO 1965 (1:17:00 DVD)	Blun Man Rock
18	19	LED ZEPPELIN LED ZEPPELIN MUSIC VIDEO 1970 (1:00:00 DVD)	Led Zeppekin
19	14	LIVE THE LIGHT IT UP TOUR THE BEATLES MUSIC VIDEO 1965 (1:17:00 DVD)	R. Kelly
20	17	FAMILY JEWELS THE BEATLES MUSIC VIDEO 1965 (1:17:00 DVD)	AC/DC
21	26	UNDER THE DESERT SKY THE BEATLES MUSIC VIDEO 1965 (1:17:00 DVD)	Andrea Bachel
22	15	4 PORTS LIVE THE BEATLES MUSIC VIDEO 1965 (1:17:00 DVD)	Tim Armstrong
23	21	PARA TEL. NUESTRA HISTORIA THE BEATLES MUSIC VIDEO 1965 (1:17:00 DVD)	Los Tacones de Tjuana
24	18	QUEEN LIVE AT WEMBLEY STADIUM 96 QUEEN MUSIC VIDEO 1992 (2:00:00 DVD)	Queen

WEEK	DATE	TITLE	ARTIST (PROMOTION LABEL)
1	6	SAME GIRL	ALANIS MORISSETTE (JIVE)
2	13	BIG THINGS POPPIN' (DO IT)	MC METRIC
3	20	TAMBOURINE	THE NOTORIOUS B.I.G. (A&M)
4	27	SEXY LADY	THE NOTORIOUS B.I.G. (A&M)
5	3	REHAB	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
6	10	LET ME SAY NOTHING	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
7	17	SHAMMY	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
8	24	FLY GIRL	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
9	31	BARTENDER	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
10	7	WALL TO WALL	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
11	14	STRONGER	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
12	21	BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
13	28	HOW DO YOU FEEL	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
14	4	IF THEY THERE	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
15	11	DO YOU	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
16	18	PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
17	25	MISERY BUSINESS	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
18	1	TYPICAL	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
19	8	MAKE ME BETTER	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
20	15	HOME	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
21	22	MAKES ME WONDER	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)
22	29	BEAUTIFUL GIRLS	MC URUBER (UNIVERSAL J&R)

 VIDEO MONITOR

	ARTIST TITLE	
BET		BET
1	R. KELLY DUET WITH USHER, "HARD DUEL"	
2	T.L., "YOU THINK YOU'RE HOT"	
3	YUNG BFG FEAT. JUNIOR, "REBEL LADY"	
4	WICKED OUTCAST, "I'M NOT ANOTHER ONE CHANGING"	
5	KANYE WEST, "GOD IS STILL UP THERE"	
6	UVE, "HARDWARE"	
7	CHRIS BROWN, "WALL TO WALL"	
8	TRAIN FEAT. AKON, "HARDWARE"	
9	AL JARVIS FEAT. MARIO, "YOU DO IT BETTER"	
MTV2		MTV2
1	PARAMORE, "WEIRY BUSINESS"	
2	SHOP BOYZ, "PARTY LIKE A ROCKER"	
3	MALUMA, "STYLISH"	
4	WHITE STRIPES, "EYES DOWN"	
5	PILES FEAT. SPAIN, "HARITY"	
6	THE JARVIS FEAT. FOG, "WEIRIE"	
7	YUNG BFG FEAT. JUNIOR, "REBEL LADY"	
8	T.L. FEAT. WICKED, "YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS"	
9	"YOU THINK YOU'RE HOT"	
10	FABOLOUS FEAT. NE-YO, "MAKE ME BETTER"	

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JOE MCINTOSH, ANOTHER SIDE OF YOU
CROSSIN DIXON, GUITAR SLANDER
LEE BRICE, HOW ARE YOU
DIERKS BENTLEY, FREE AND EASY DOWN THE ROAD
RODNEY ATKINS, THESE ARE MY PEOPLE
JACK INGRAM, MEASURE OF A MAN
TRACE ADKINS, I WISH I FELT SOMETHING
HALFWAY TO HAZARD, DAREY
TOBY KEITH, LOVE ME IF YOU CAN
RERA MCINTOSH WITH KELLY CLARKSON, INCENSE OF MY

TOP HEATSEEKERS

	ARTIST	GENRE / NUMBER / Distinguishing label, price	Title
1	DARKEST HOUR ROCK (11:55)		Deliver Us
2	NEW GOGOL BORDELLO ROCK (11:55)		Super Tarantál
3	MARK ROBINSON R&B (10:55) + R&B (11:55)		Version
4	PATTON OSWALT POP ROCK (11:55) + ROCK (11:55)		Werewolves And Lullapops
5	PETER BJORN AND JOHN ROCK (11:55)		Writer's Book
6	BULLET FOR MY VALENTINE ROCK (11:55)		The Poison
7	CAMILA TROPIC (10:55) + TROPIC (11:55)		Toto Cambio
8	MAYDAY PARADE ROCK (11:55)		A Lesson In Romanticism
9	EMERSON DRIVE ROCK (11:55) + ROCK (11:55)		Countitled
10	JASON ISBELL ROCK (11:55)		Sirens Of The Ditch
11	COLE DEGGS & THE LONESOME COLUMBIA (11:55) + COLUMBIA (11:55)		Cole Deggs & The Lonesome
12	SICK PUPPIES ROCK (11:55)		Dressed Up As Life
13	RODRIGO Y GABRIELA ROCK (11:55)		Rodrigo Y Gabriela
14	JUSTICE R&B (11:55) + R&B (11:55)		Cross
15	COLD WAR KIDS ROCK (11:55)		Robbers & Cowards
16	LEELAND COLUMBIA (11:55)		Sound Of Melodies
17	SAV ANYTHING ROCK (11:55) + ROCK (11:55)		... Is A Real Boy
18	DOWN A.K.A. K.I.L.O. ROCK (11:55) + ROCK (11:55)		The Definition Of An Axe
19	THE POLYPHONIC SPREE ROCK (11:55)		The Frigile Army
20	FAIR TO MIDLAND ROCK (11:55) + ROCK (11:55)		Fables From A Mayfly: What I Tell You Three Times Is True
21	3 INCHES OF BLOOD ROCK (11:55) + ROCK (11:55)		Fire Up The Blades
22	SYMPHONY X ROCK (11:55)		Paradise Lost
23	THE KOOKS ROCK (11:55)		Inside In / Inside Out
24	SECHON VEGA ROCK (11:55) + ROCK (11:55)		Duemo De Ti... Lo Mejor De El Shake
25	TERCER MUNDI SENEADE ROCK (11:55) + ROCK (11:55)		Awake
26	STEPHEN KELLOGG AND THE SIXERS ROCK (11:55)		Gleesway Bozer
27	UNK ROCK (11:55)		Beeth Down Yo Block
28	MARIANO BARBA ROCK (11:55)		En Vivo
29	IMOGEN HEAP ROCK (11:55)		Speak For Yourself
30	JOHNNY VICIOUS ROCK (11:55)		TrivisMx Presents: Trance Anthem 2
31	GRUPO EXTERMINADOR ROCK (11:55)		Adicto A Ti
32	TIERRA CALI ROCK (11:55)		Enamorado De Ti: Edición Especial
33	TUM TUM ROCK (11:55)		Er Or Get Er
34	THE UNSEEN ROCK (11:55)		Internal Selection
35	JASON MEADOWS ROCK (11:55)		100% Cowboy
36	ROBERTO CARLOS ROCK (11:55)		Grandes Exitos
37	LOS TERRIBLES DEL NORTE ROCK (11:55)		30 Corridos: Historias Nortenas
38	LOS HUMILDOS VS. LA MIGRA ROCK (11:55)		Los Humildes Vs. La Migra
39	M. WARD ROCK (11:55)		Dust For Dusters #2
40	BUFFALO TOM ROCK (11:55)		Three Easy Pieces
41	GREATEST CHIHODS ROCK (11:55)		Aira Well They Ends Well
42	THE JOHN BUTLER TRIO ROCK (11:55)		Grand National
43	SINGLE FILE ROCK (11:55)		No More Surface (EP)
44	FAMILY FORCE 5 ROCK (11:55)		Business Up Front: Party In The Back
45	CUSIDLOS ROCK (11:55)		Mil Heridas
46	XTRME ROCK (11:55)		Haciendo Historia
47	ALL TIME LOW ROCK (11:55)		Put Ur Or Shut Ur
48	KELLY WILLIS ROCK (11:55)		Translated From Love
49	LUKE GROVE ROCK (11:55)		Born 2 Groove
50	DIGITALISM ROCK (11:55)		Idealism

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RECORD COMPANIES: Capitol Music Group in New York appoints **Syd Schwartz** senior VP of digital strategy. He was senior VP of digital strategy at Virgin Records.

PUBLISHING: Warner/Chappell Music in New York names **Ann Sweeney** executive VP. She was senior VP at Sony/ATV Music Publishing.

Universal Music Publishing Group names **Marcelo C. Falco** managing director of Brazil. He served in the same role at BMG Music Publishing Brazil.

TOURING: AEG in Los Angeles names **Eric Bresler** VP of event booking and development for AEG Facilities. He was VP of bookings and marketing at Miami's American Airlines Arena. **US Airways Center** in Phoenix taps **Ralph Marchetta** as GM. He was VP of entertainment.

San Jose State Event Center in San Jose, Calif., names **Robert LeBaron** associate director. He was GM at Mullins Center in Amherst, Mass.



LEGAL: Longtime entertainment attorney **Doug Mark** establishes his own law firm, Mark Music and Media Law, based in Los Angeles and New York.

MEDIA: MTV Networks names **Reginald Williams** senior VP of music strategy and promotes **Greg Clayman** to executive VP of digital distribution and business development. Williams was VP, and Clayman was senior VP of mobile media and will continue to oversee the Mobile Media division.

RELATED FIELDS: ForCor Studios in Los Angeles appoints **Rose Adkins** global president of marketing and distribution. She was director of studio partnerships at Universal Pictures. Sports and entertainment PR agency Taylor names **Ron Roecker** global VP of entertainment. He was VP of communications for the Recording Academy.

Three Ring Projects in Los Angeles names **Andrew Shack** partner/head of business development. He was partner/executive VP at Priority Records.

The Academy of Country Music appoints **Lisa Lee** senior director of creative development and Brooke Priemer senior director of publicity and marketing. Lee was West Coast news editor/LOS Angeles correspondent for CMT News, and Priemer was senior director of special events at BNC.

—Edited by Mitchell Peters

GOODWORKS

MARTIN SAYS 'NO' TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING
The InterAmerican Development Bank, in alliance with the Ricky Martin Foundation and the International Organization for Migration, launched the Call and Live initiative to combat human trafficking in the Dominican Republic. Call and Live seeks to prevent, protect and provide assistance to victims of human trafficking.

TIE A PINK RIBBON AROUND 'THELMA & LOUISE'
Beginning Sept. 25, and coinciding with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (in October), MGM Home Entertainment will raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The studio will donate 50 cents from sales of 12 "click flick" DVD titles—including "Thelma & Louise" and "There's Something About Mary"—to the foundation, with a guaranteed minimum contribution of \$250,000.

BACKBEAT



NIKKI SIXX'S 'HEROIN DIARIES'

Executives from MTV along with sister company Pocket Books (a division of Simon & Schuster) held a press conference at Crash Harrison in downtown Los Angeles to give the media and a few lucky fans a preview of Nikki Sixx's book and soundtrack CD "The Heroin Diaries," based on the journals he kept during the height of his heroin addiction in the late '80s. MTV senior executive Peter Baron announced that the literary work would be branded in an MTV/VP book and Simon & Schuster announced that 25% of all book royalties would go to benefit Funnel Web in the Night, a charity that he began in association with Covenant House in L.A. The presentation was hosted by Billboard executive editor/associate publisher Tamara Conniff and featured the Motley Crue band along with several special partners, many courtesy of A&R.

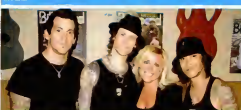
ABOVE RIGHT: From left are MTV's Peter Baron, Billboard's Tamara Conniff, Nikki Sixx, Clear Channel director of rock programming Jim Richards, Covenant House L.A. executive director George Luzzano and Simon & Schuster deputy publisher Anthony Ziccardi.

RIGHT: From left are Simon & Schuster deputy publisher Anthony Ziccardi, Nikki Sixx and Billboard's Tamara Conniff.

ABOVE NIKKI SIXX: Left, with Covenant House L.A. resident Erwin Gonzalez.



One of the most successful and powerful rock bands in the world, the Black Sabbath band has sold more than 2.5 million units, including all five albums.



Members of Grammy Award-nominated rock group Black Sabbath visited Billboard's New York office for a special acoustic performance that included current hit "Everything Is About to Be the Road with Tender and Pease Beach. From left are Black Sabbath's Keith Nelson and Josh Todd, Billboard executive director of conferences and special events Michele Jacangelo and the band's Steve O.



Music instrument maker Gibson Guitar has put up for bid via eBay a collection of guitars that were autographed backstage by the performers and celebrity presenters at the Concert for Daria July 1 in London. Seen here with one of the guitars is artist Lily Allen. PHOTO COURTESY OF GIBSON AMERICAN GUITARS

INSIDE TRACK

RAZOR & TIE IN HAND, CAPLAN MAKES A&R MOVE

Track hears that, come July 23, A&R vet Michael Caplan will be named executive VP of A&R for Razor & Tie Entertainment. Based in New York, Caplan will report to Razor & Tie co-owners Cliff Chenfeld and Craig Balsam, and work closely with Razor & Tie senior director of A&R Beka Callaway.

Before joining Razor & Tie, Caplan was senior VP of A&R at Columbia Records and president of his own imprint, One Haven Music. To Razor & Tie, Caplan brings soul singer Ryan Shaw, whose debut album, "This Is Ryan Shaw," arrived earlier this year via One Haven/Columbia/RED. Effective immediately, the album will be marketed and distributed by Razor & Tie, which

has already confirmed the singer for "The CBS Saturday Early Show" July 28. Shaw is spending the summer on the road, playing select dates with Joss Stone.

In addition to working with Shaw, Caplan will surely keep a close watch on Razor & Tie acts Kelly Sweet, Angelle Kidjo and All That Remains. For those who need a crash course in all things Caplan, he has his career working for Morris Levy in the '70s. Since then, he's held positions with PolyGram Records and Epic Records. He remained at the latter for 20 years. Four years ago, along with Larry Miller, he founded Or Music (think Matsuyama and Los Lonely Boys).



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